MONTGOMERY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Title I Family and Community Engagement Policy Summary

2026-2027

What is Title I?

Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015*, provides financial assistance to school districts and schools with children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging State academic standards.

What are the Goals of Title I?

- Increase student academic achievement.
- Provide direct instructional support to students.
- Provide high-quality training to teachers.
- Promote parent education and engagement in school activities.

What is the 1% Set Aside?

The Office of Federal Programs sets aside at least 1% of Title I funds specifically for parent engagement. Each Title I school is required to use a portion of the reserved funds for parent engagement. Parents are involved in deciding how the reserved funds are allotted for parent engagement activities.

How are the reserved funds (1% Set Aside) used?

- Employ Parent Engagement District Support Personnel.
- Support Parent Engagement Activities.
- Promote Family Literacy.
- Establish Parent Resource Centers.

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What are my Rights as a Parent?

As a parent, you have specific rights regarding your involvement in the Title I Program at your child's school. Understanding these rights is essential to empower you to advocate for your child's education and collaborate effectively with Montgomery Public Schools (MPS). Together, parents and MPS can positively impact student achievement and foster an enriching educational experience for all students. You have the following rights as Title I parents:

- Participate in the Development of Plans: You have the right to be involved in the development of the Local Education Agency (LEA) Title I Consolidated Plan, LEA Family and Community Engagement Policy, Local School Schoolwide Plan (ACIP), Local School Family and Community Engagement Plan, and Local School School-Family Compact. This includes providing input on how funds are spent and activities are planned for your child's school.
- Access to Information: You will receive regular updates on your child's progress and the school's overall achievement. This transparency ensures you are informed about the educational programs and resources available.
- Engagement Opportunities: Schools must offer opportunities for you to engage with teachers and staff, attend meetings, and participate in workshops. This involvement helps bridge the gap between home and school.
- Review of School Performance: You can review the school's performance data and provide feedback on how the school can improve. This feedback is key to ongoing growth and development.

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What is Parent Engagement?

Parent Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- Carrying out other activities, such as those described in the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).*

How will the Plan be Jointly Developed?

Montgomery Public Schools (MPS) is committed to family and community engagement. Each year, parents of students enrolled in Title I schools have meaningful opportunities to help develop and review the MPS Title I Family and Community Engagement Policy. Parents serve on the District Federal Programs Parent Advisory Committee and school-based advisory committees where they review drafts of the plan, provide feedback, and make recommendations for revisions. Input is also gathered through annual district-wide surveys and school-based parent meetings so that all families, even those not serving on either the District or local school advisory committees, can share their ideas and concerns. Feedback is reviewed and incorporated when possible into plan updates.

- The final Family and Community Engagement Policy is posted on the MPS Federal Programs website and shared at parent advisory committee meetings.
- Hard copies are located at the Office of Federal Programs and are available upon request.
- The plan is jointly developed and reviewed each year and reflects the voices of MPS families.

How will MPS Build Capacity?

Montgomery Public Schools (MPS) will build the capacity of schools, families, and community partners to work together to support student achievement. The Office of Federal Programs will coordinate resources and provide ongoing support to make family and community engagement effective and meaningful. Principals and their designees will receive training on strategies for engaging parents as learning partners and developing and reviewing required Title I plans. Parent liaisons will participate in regular sessions on learning support, building parents as leaders, effective communication, and attendance awareness.

- School personnel are educated, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents and how to work with them as equal partners.
- Schools will provide additional activities to help parents understand curriculum, grade level standards, and assessments.
- Families will receive regular progress reports and results from quarterly assessments.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled at times convenient for families.
- Parent workshops and data meetings in reading, math, and science will give families strategies to support learning at home.
- To the extent possible, MPS will coordinate and integrate Family and Community Engagement with Alabama First Class Pre-K and Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY).

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INPUT

District Federal Programs Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meetings

September 15, 2026

Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.

Vaughn Road Elementary School, 5:30 p.m.

The District will host two meetings for parents to hear the latest Title I updates as well as review and provide input into the District's Family and Community Engagement Policy, Local Education Agency (LEA) Title I Consolidated Plan, and the Federal budgets for the upcoming school year. Notices regarding these meetings will be posted on the MPS website and through other available media opportunities. Additionally, each school will also notify parents of the meetings in an additional format, as well as on the school's website. *All parents and families are encouraged to attend.*

Local School Title I Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meetings

Check your Local School Calendar for Dates and Times

Each Local School will host two meetings for parents to hear the latest Title I updates, as well as review and provide input into the School's Family and Community Engagement Plan, Title I Budget, Schoolwide Plan (ACIP), and School-Family Compact for the upcoming school year. Individual schools will advertise the meetings in at least two ways in an effort to notify parents and encourage participation. Information regarding the Local School PAC Meetings will also be made available on the school's website. *All parents and families are encouraged to attend.*

Local School Annual Title I Parent Meeting

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015* requires that each Title I School hold an Annual Meeting of Title I parents to inform you of your school's participation in Title I, explain the requirements of Title I, and explain your rights as parents to be involved. Each school will advertise the meeting in at least two ways in an effort to notify parents and encourage participation. Additionally, schools will offer two different meeting sessions. Information regarding the Local School Annual Title I Parent Meeting will also be made available on each school's website. *All parents and families are encourgaed to attend*.

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Communication

Information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities will be provided to parents in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents understand.