

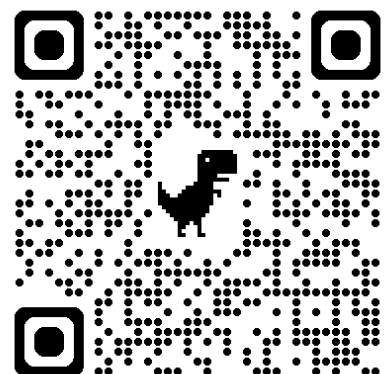


Fentress County Schools

2026-2027

Parent & Family Engagement Plan

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What is family engagement?

Family engagement fosters consistent, two-way communication between parents/family members and the school regarding student learning and school activities, ensuring:

A.	That parents/family members play an integral role in assisting student learning.
B.	That parents/ family members are encouraged to be actively involved in their student's education.
C.	That parents/family members are full partners in their student's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their student.
D.	Executing other activities, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA.

Family engagement is a continuous, shared responsibility promoting child development and improving student achievement.

Parent and Family Engagement Plan

The Fentress County School District created this parent and family engagement plan to boost student academic achievement. It outlines expectations, objectives, strategies, and resources for strengthening school-parent partnerships in Title I schools. The plan details the district's commitment to engaging families and building capacity in Title I schools to implement family engagement strategies, ultimately aiming for district and student academic achievement goals.

Collaborative efforts between schools, families, and communities enhance student learning, retention, and enjoyment. Title I, Part A, through ESSA Section 1116, mandates significant family involvement in district and school planning and improvement. Fentress County School District will ensure its Title I schools' parent and family engagement policies align with Section 1116(b) and include a school-parent compact as per Section 1116(d) of ESSA.

Jointly Developed

Families were invited to provide suggestions and ideas for the 2025-2026 parent and family engagement plan. The district surveyed all families for input, and each Title I school reviewed the plan with its parent liaison and school team.

We value your input! Throughout the school year, families are encouraged to submit comments and feedback on this policy to their child's school. The information gathered from these collaborative meetings and surveys is then incorporated into the District Improvement Plan, which is submitted to the state.

The district's parent and family engagement plan is posted on the district and school websites and distributed during the annual Title I school meetings.

Strengthening Our School

School Parent Liaisons will support Title I schools in meeting family engagement requirements and implementing strategies. The district will provide resources to improve and strengthen family engagement. Two family engagement meetings will be held each year to review engagement plans, in addition to multiple family engagement events throughout the year. A schedule of events can be obtained by contacting your school's parent liaison.

Reservation of Funds

Fentress County School District will set aside 1% of its total FY26 Title I funds for parent and family engagement as required by ESSA Section 1116. Of this, 90% will go to Title I schools for their local family engagement programs. The district will guide schools in creating budgets that meet their needs and parent recommendations.

Opportunities for Meaningful Parent & Family Consultation

Parent and family input and suggestions are vital to the annual district and school improvement plans. All parents and family members of students eligible for Title I services are invited to an annual meeting to share their ideas and suggestions, helping the district, schools, and students achieve academic goals.

Building Capacity

Fentress County School District will implement measures to foster family engagement and improve student academic achievement. These measures will build the capacity of schools and parents, ensuring effective engagement and supporting a partnership between Title I schools, parents, and the community.

From Parents:	Fentress County School District, through its Title I schools, will help parents understand student academic data and Title I program information. District and school websites will offer resources for home learning, with physical copies available at Title I schools for those with limited internet access. Each school has a Parent Liaison for family engagement in Title I, Part A programs. Community leaders, business partners, and family representatives are welcome to provide input on family engagement initiatives. The district will coordinate family engagement programs with local and federally/state-funded preschool programs by inviting their staff to planning meetings. Elementary schools will host Kindergarten Ready days in the fall for school tours and kindergarten preparation. The district will also ensure parents are informed about available resources..
From School Staff:	Title I schools must provide clear, consistent, understandable information about the district, school, parent programs, and activities, both distributed and posted online. Staff will be trained on parent notification procedures and resources at the start of each school year.

	Information will be posted on the district website and translated when possible. The district will also utilize school phone calls, websites, local news, and other communication channels to share information with parents.
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Parent & Family Engagement Evaluation

Annually, Fentress County School District evaluates its parent and family engagement policy and activities to boost Title I schools' academic quality. Each spring, Title I schools distribute surveys (via home, email, and website) for parent feedback on engagement programs. The district also holds meetings for group discussions to analyze family needs and devise effective engagement strategies. Survey results and meeting findings will inform improvements, address barriers, and revise the parent and family engagement plan.

Accessibility

To meet the parent and family engagement requirements of Section 1116 of the ESSA, the district family engagement coordinator will ensure that parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children have full opportunities to participate. This includes providing school reports and information in a language that parents can understand.

Adoption

Parents and families of Title I, Part A students collaborated with school and district staff at the annual meeting to develop the district-wide Parent and Family Engagement Plan, signifying their agreement and shared vision.

Share Your Thoughts

Your feedback is important to us! Please share any suggestions or ideas for improving this policy. If you believe any part of this policy does not align with the district's academic achievement goals, kindly provide your comments in the space below and return this form.

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