

Crawford County School District

2026-2027 Parent and Family Engagement Plan

What is Family Engagement?

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

(A) That parents/guardians play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.



(B) That parents/guardians are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.

(C) That parents/guardians 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.

(D) The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA.

About the Parent and Family Engagement Plan

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, the Crawford County School District has developed this parent and family engagement plan that establishes the district's expectations and objectives for meaningful family engagement and guides the strategies and resources that strengthen school and parent partnerships in the district's Title I schools. This plan will describe Crawford County School District's commitment to engage families in the education of their children and to build the capacity in its Title I schools to implement family engagement strategies and activities designed to achieve the district and student academic achievement goals.

When schools, families, and communities work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer and enjoy school more. Title I, Part A provides for substantive family engagement at every level of the program, such as in the development and implementation of the district and school plan, and in carrying out the district and school improvement provisions. Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) contains the primary Title I, Part A requirements for schools and school systems to involve parents and family members in their children's education. Consistent with Section 1116, the Crawford County School District will work with its Title I schools to ensure that the required school-level parent and family engagement plans meet the requirements of Section 1116(b) and each include, as a component, a school-parent-student compact consistent with Section 1116(d) of the ESSA.



Jointly Developed

During the annual School Improvement Forum held in the Spring (February-April), all parents/guardians were invited to participate and provide suggestions and ideas to improve the district family engagement plan for the 2026-2027 school year. The district sent a letter to all parents/guardians informing them about this meeting and posted an announcement on the school website, and in the Georgia Post (local paper).

During this meeting, parents/guardians also reviewed and discussed the comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP) and the Schoolwide Improvement Plan. Additionally, each Title 1 school provided and collected Parent Surveys regarding feedback about the schools and family engagement that was reviewed and used as data for the revision of the district family engagement plan.

Upon final revision, the district family engagement plan was incorporated into the CLIP, which was submitted to the state. Parents are welcome to submit comments and feedback regarding the plan at any time by contacting the Title 1 District Office or by submitting written comments to your child's school. All feedback received by May 1st was included with the plan for this school year.

The district family engagement plan will be posted on the district and school websites, distributed during the annual Title 1 school meetings early this school year, and made available in the schools' Parent and Family Resource Center.

Strengthening Our School

This year, the District Family Engagement Coordinators will provide assistance and support to all Title 1 schools to ensure family engagement requirements are being satisfied and that family engagement strategies and activities are being implemented. Title I schools will receive notifications and resources from the district and the Family Engagement Coordinators to help them improve and strengthen family engagement. In addition to frequent communication and school



visits, the district and the Family Engagement Coordinators will hold quarterly meetings and trainings with its 'Title I schools' principals to review family engagement plans and activities.

Additionally, the district will convene a summit in the summer for principals and the Family Engagement Coordinators to review family engagement requirements and plan opportunities for family engagement activities and meetings for the upcoming school year.

Reservation of Funds

The Crawford County School District will reserve a minimum of 1 percent from the total amount of Title I funds it receives in FY' 27 to carry out the parent and family engagement requirements listed in this plan and as described in Section 1116 of the ESSA. Furthermore, the Crawford County School District will ensure that not less than 90 percent of the amount reserved to Title I Schools is allocated to support local-level family engagement programs and activities. The district will provide clear guidance and communication to assist each Title I school in developing an adequate family engagement budget that addresses their needs assessment and parent recommendations.

Each Title I school will host an annual School Improvement Forum in the early Spring (February) for parents to provide suggestions on how these family engagement funds will be used in the upcoming year at the district- and school-level. Stakeholder feedback forms and minutes from these meetings will be reviewed by the district to determine areas of need for the upcoming school year and consider changes to the family engagement budget.

Opportunities for Meaningful Parent Consultation

Input and suggestions from parents and family members are an essential component of the district and school improvement plans that are developed each year. All parents/guardians of students are invited to participate in the opportunities described in this section to share their ideas and suggestions to help the district, schools, and students to reach our student academic achievement goals.

School Improvement Forums ~ Spring, 2027

During these meetings, each Title I school will host a forum for parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions to review the School-wide Plan, the school's parent and family engagement plans as well as provide input on the family engagement budget, programs and school-parent-student compact. Each Title I school will send a letter home to parents notifying them about the date and time of the forum, as well as a school call-out. Information regarding the School Improvement Forum will also be made available on the district and school website.

School Parent Surveys ~ February - April, 2027

Parent input on the use of Title I funds to support parent and family engagement programs may also be provided through the annual district survey for each school. The survey will contain questions related to the parent and family engagement budget, parent and family engagement plans, compacts, as well as a section for parents to provide their comments.

Unable to attend these meetings?

Please contact Parent and Family Engagement Coordinators at each school to request the link to the meeting documents to review and email your input or visit the school website to view all of the family engagement documents.



Building Capacity

The Crawford County School District will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong family engagement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and family members and to support a partnership among the Title I schools, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following districtwide activities and programs.

Parents - The Crawford County School District will work with School Family Engagement Coordinators and through its Title I schools to provide assistance to parents in understanding state and district academic information connected to their student's learning and progress, as well as information regarding the Title I program.

The Crawford County School district will provide classes/workshops for parents to gain knowledge about the challenging state academic standards and local academic assessment. The dates and locations for these classes will be posted on the school website, school marquees, flyers sent home, callouts, and shared through Title I Family Engagement social media. Transition workshops will be provided, which will include transitioning into the middle and high schools, and transitioning into post-secondary education.

The Crawford County School District will also provide a page on the district and school websites that will contain resources and materials, including parent guides, study guides, and practice assessments and workshops to help parents work with their children at home. Copies of these materials will be made available at the Title I District Family Resource Center for those families who may have limited internet access, including copies in Spanish.

To assist parents with understanding the online student information system and other digital educational resources (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), the Crawford County School District will partner with Title I schools to host workshops for parents. Dates and times for these workshops will be determined and announced by each individual school.

The Crawford County School District will coordinate and integrate the district's family engagement programs with the Head Start program and the state funded preschool programs in the district by inviting faculty and staff from those programs to attend planning meetings focused on family engagement activities.

Prior to the new academic school year, the primary school will host a Kindergarten Ready Orientation day so parents may tour the school and receive information to help prepare them and their children for kindergarten. The Crawford County School District will also coordinate with these programs to ensure that parents are informed about available resources.

School Staff - The Crawford County School District will conduct two trainings per semester for principals and faculty and staff to learn and discuss strategies to increase family engagement, improve school-family communication, and build ties with parents and the community. The School Family Engagement Coordinators will also provide opportunities for visits to each Title I school to review and discuss family engagement requirements and initiatives. The Crawford County School District will host training for appropriate school staff and faculty that will focus on creating welcoming environments and improving two-way communication with families. Monthly communication via email, social media or website resources will be provided to the faculty and staff with tips and resources on topics such as the value and utility of contributions of parents; how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners; implement and coordinate parent programs; build ties between parents and the school; how to ensure information is sent to parents in a format and to the extent practicable in a language that parents can understand; and the Family and Community Engagement Structures of Georgia's System of Continuous Improvement.

To ensure that information related to district, school, and parent programs, meetings, and activities is available to all parents in an understandable and uniform format, each Title I school will send home a districtwide calendar of events with information for parents at the beginning of the year. Parent notifications and resources will be sent home in parents' native language, where applicable, and interpreters will be available at parent events and meetings. Information posted on the district website will be translated to the extent practicable. The district will also utilize school telephone systems, school websites, local news media, and other school message systems to post information for parents.

Parent and Family Engagement Evaluation

Each year, the Crawford County School District will conduct an evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parent and family engagement plan and the family engagement activities to improve the academic quality of the Title I schools through an annual parent survey and the School Improvement Forums.

Beginning in February, each Title I school will send home a survey with an online link for parents to provide valuable feedback regarding the parent and family engagement activities and programs. These surveys will also be posted on the district and school websites for parents to complete. In addition to the annual survey, each Title I school will also use the School Improvement Forum to facilitate group



discussions about the needs of the parents and families of children eligible to receive Title I services and to design strategies for more effective family engagement.

The Crawford County School District will use the findings from the school forums and the survey results to design strategies to improve effective family engagement, to remove possible barriers to parent participation, and to revise its parent and family engagement plans.

Accessibility

In carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements established by Section 1116 of the ESSA, the School Family Engagement Coordinators will communicate and collaborate with the Office for Student Achievement to ensure full opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children including providing information and school reports in a language parents can understand.

Mark Your Calendars

For Parents

School Improvement Forum

February 2027-CCPS

February 2027-CCES

February 2027-CCMHS

Annual Parent Survey

February- March, 2027

For Schools

Building Staff Capacity Training

2 per semester

Continuous Communication with Staff

Monthly Communication

Principal & Title I Coordinator Family Engagement Meeting

Quarterly (or more frequently if needed) at each school

Summer Title I School Summit

By May 13, 2027

Adoption

This Crawford County District Parent and Family Engagement Plan has been developed jointly and agreed upon with parents and family members of children participating in Title I, Part A programs as evidenced by the collaboration of parents, school and district personnel at the annual State of the District meeting.

This plan was adopted by the Crawford County School District on June 4, 2026 and will be in effect for the 2026-2027 academic school year. The school district will distribute this plan in multiple ways to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before November 1, 2026.

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