

DISTRICT-WIDE PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN TITLE I SCHOOLS

The New Hanover County Board of Education (Board) agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- A. New Hanover County Schools shall be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

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

- That parents are involved jointly in developing the district parent and family engagement policy;
- That objectives are established for meaningful parent and family engagement;
- That coordination, technical assistance, and other necessary supports are given to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance;
- That strategies are developed to build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement and to support successful school and family interactions;
- That family involvement strategies are coordinated and integrated under Title I with other parent and family engagement strategies, to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs;
- That an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy in improving academic quality of all schools served under Title I is conducted with the meaningful involvement of parents and family members:
 - Identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in activities, authorized by this section of law with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background;
 - Using the findings of the evaluation to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement; and
 - Revising, if necessary, the district's parental involvement program.

- That involve parents in the activities of schools served under the Title I program.
- B. New Hanover County Schools District Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Title I, Part A, developed under Section 1116 of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) will be distributed to all parents of students served in a program supported with Title I funds.
- C. New Hanover County Schools shall involve the parents/guardians of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the one percent (1%) of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent and will ensure that not less than ninety-five percent (95%) of the one percent (1%) reserved goes directly to the schools through participation in the School Improvement Plan team.

LEGAL REFS: 20 USC 6311, 20 USC 6312, 20 USC 6318, 20 USC 7801
Section 1116 of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

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