

What is Title I, Part A?

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is the largest federally funded education program that provides financial assistance to local school systems and schools to ensure that disadvantaged students have the opportunity to receive a high-quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards and assessments by providing additional academic support and learning opportunities. School systems must apply for the Title I, Part A grant every year. Eligibility in the Title I program is based on the school's Free and Reduced Meals (FARMs) rate.

What are the benefits of Title I?

A Title I program will provide your child with educational support beyond the regular classroom. Some benefits may include, but are not limited to:

- Increased opportunities for family engagement
- Additional teachers and instructional assistants
- Supplementary instructional materials
- Increased technology in schools
- Tutors and specialized instructional support
- Additional professional learning opportunities for staff

FREQUENTLY USED ACRONYMS

1:1	One device for each student
504 Plan	Accommodations for students with disabilities
BOE	Board of Education
CCPS	Charles County Public Schools
District Level and Districtwide	Refers to all CCPS Title I Schools
ELL	English Language Learner
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act
IA	Instructional Assistant
IEP	Individualized Educational Plan
MCAP	Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program
PD and PL	Professional Development & Professional Learning
PFE	Parent and Family Engagement
PTO	Parent-Teacher Organization
SEL	Social-Emotional Learning

CCPS MISSION: The mission of Charles County Public Schools is to provide an opportunity for all school-aged children to receive an academically challenging, quality education that builds character, equips for leadership, and prepares for life, in an environment that is safe and conducive to learning.



Let us know how we can improve the CCPS Title I family engagement program!

Ways to give your feedback:

ONLINE – Scan the QR code or click/enter the link below in your browser to complete the online feedback form. <https://bit.ly/FEPfeedbackform>

IN-PERSON – Feedback forms are located in your school's Family Resource Center.

PHONE / EMAIL – Contact your school's parent liaison to give your feedback over the phone or by email.



THE TITLE I OFFICE IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!

If you have any questions about this document or the CCPS Title I program, please contact:

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Title I District Level **FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN** SY 2022-2023



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This Plan was developed with families using feedback from the 2022 Annual District Level Family Engagement Survey and school-based Annual Title I Meetings.

CCPS Family Engagement Policy: Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) and the Board of Education recognize that families play an important role in their child's education as well as prepare them for academic achievement and lifelong learning. Our schools, families and community must be actively involved in developing strong programs and policies that support the academic success of every student. The purpose of the District Level Family Engagement Plan is to support and promote a strong partnership between the school, student and home.

HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

To ensure that parents/families are equal partners in their child's education, the district and schools will:

- Help them understand State academic standards and local academic assessments.
- Show them how to monitor their child's progress and work with educators to improve their child's achievement.
- Provide them with materials and training to help them work with their child to improve their academic achievement.
- Educate school staff on how to work with parents/families as equal partners in their child's educational process.
- Coordinate and integrate family engagement programs and activities with Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs and parent resource centers.
- Offer interpreting/translation services, childcare, and transportation.
- Offer school-related programs, meetings, and other activities on days and at times that are convenient to parents/families.
- Provide full opportunities for the participation of parents/families with limited English proficiency, with disabilities, and of migratory children.
- Encourage them to join their school's advisory groups such as the PTO, Title I DADvisory Council, and School Improvement Team.

VOLUNTEERS

We welcome and encourage volunteers in our schools! Volunteers may serve as mentors, tutors, non-paid coaches and club sponsors, chaperones, reading/math partners, parent group organization officers, and more. All volunteers must complete a training and background check. More information may be found on the CCBOE website. If you would like to volunteer, please contact your school's parent liaison.

INITIATIVES & WORKSHOPS

The district and schools work together to offer a variety of districtwide initiatives and family engagement workshops to improve student academic achievement.

***Districtwide Initiatives:**

- ASTA-USA Translation Services
- Annual Title I Meeting
- Annual District Level Family Engagement Survey
- Barbershop Books
- DADvisory Council
- Summer Backpack Program
- The Parent Institute Newsletter & Web Content
- Professional Learning Opportunities
- Beyond the Classroom & SNAP-Ed Partnerships

***School-Based Family Engagement Workshops:**

- Back to School Night / Open House
- Chat & Chew / Pastries with Principal
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Reading, Math and STEM Nights
- Social-Emotional Learning Workshops
- Technology and Web-Based Program Training
- Understanding Student Progress and Data

*Initiatives and workshops are subject to change and may be held in-person or virtually. Contact your school's parent liaison or check your school's website for the most up-to-date information.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

Title I schools have in-person and online Family Resource Centers with information unique to the needs/interest of their families.

Information in your school's Family Resource Center may include:

- Upcoming Title I workshops and school-based events
- School subscriptions and web-based programs
- Parenting brochures and family support services
- Community partnerships
- Maryland College & Career Readiness Standards

2022-2023 CCPS TITLE I SCHOOLS

C. Paul Barnhart	Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy
Dr. Gustavus Brown	Dr. Samuel A. Mudd
Indian Head	J. C. Parks
Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer	J. P. Ryon
Arthur Middleton	Eva Turner

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

To ensure open and meaningful communication with parents/families, the district and schools will:

- Use a variety of ways to contact and communicate with parents/families (e.g., CCPS and school websites, Synergy/ParentVUE, conferences, phone calls, text messages, emails, newsletters, flyers, school calendar, social media, and Family Resource Centers).
- Provide interpreting and translation services to ensure that information related to school and parent/family programs, meetings, other activities, and written communication are shared in a format and language that parents/families can understand.
- Explain frequently used terms so that parents/families may better understand student achievement and progress.
- Utilize parent liaisons to be a bridge for communication between schools and families.



SURVEYS & EVALUATIONS

The district and schools use feedback from surveys and evaluations to improve the CCPS Title I program.

- **Annual District Level Family Engagement Survey** – This survey is distributed to Title I families at the end of the school year. Results are used to improve the quality of the District Level Family Engagement Plan, districtwide initiatives, and to evaluate school climate.
- **Annual Title I Meeting** – All Title I schools hold an annual meeting in the spring so that families may give their input on school improvement, the Home-School Compact/Plan, family engagement workshops, school-sponsored events, volunteer programs, and the Title I budget.
- **Event Evaluations** – Evaluations are distributed at the end of all family engagement events.