

T.R. Simmons Elementary School

Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2023-2024

We know that family involvement in a child's education is a greater predictor of academic success than whether or not that family is affluent or poor. That's why Title I, Part A program regulations insist on robust family involvement activities at every school where these federal funds support effective teaching and engaged learning.

What Is Family/Parent Involvement?

Title I, Part A defines parent involvement as the *...participation of parents in **regular, two-way and meaningful communications** with school staff that involves the student, addresses learning and engages the family in school activities.*

Why Does Family/Parent Involvement Matter?

Research tells us that students with involved parents, are more likely to:

- Earn high grades and test scores,
- Take more challenging classes,
- Have better attendance,
- Graduate, **AND**
- Go on to community/technical college or university.

How can I get involved?

You can influence the success of your student in school more than any teacher or federal program. By becoming an active participant in the Title I parent involvement plan at your school, you will:

- Serve as a role model, showing your student that you support his/her education.
- Attend parental meetings to provide input to the school.
- Assure that you are aware of your student's educational progress; thereby demonstrating how important that progress is to you.
- Teach your student that your input at the school is appreciated and that you support its efforts.
- Work with your child and your child's teacher to form a learning partnership to support your child's success.

What does research tell us?

Research shows that how well students do in school depends a great deal upon how much their parents get involved in their education. You can become more involved by:

- Joining local and national school/parent organizations
- Reading with your child and talking about the books and stories you read
- Helping your child with homework assignments

- Tutoring your child with materials and instructions provided by teachers or resources found on-line
- Supporting school extra-curricular activities
- Volunteering in classrooms, on field trips, or for special events
- Attending parent-teacher conferences
- Communicating with your student's teacher regularly, by writing notes, telephoning the school, etc.
- Talking with your child about school on a daily basis
- Keeping your student's teacher informed about events in his or her life which may affect his/her performance at school
- Discussing with your student's teacher and parent organizations other ideas for parent involvement
- Consider involving your child's grandparents or old siblings.
- Being an advocate for your child to make sure that his/her needs are being met.