



PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy was developed in collaboration with the members of the Title I Planning Committee which is comprised of parents, students, teachers and school administration. After reviewing the draft and accepting comments from the Title I Planning Committee, the policy was finalized. This policy will be reviewed annually and updated by a team comprised of all stakeholders.

An annual Title I meeting will be conducted within the first 45 days of the school year by the school administration to inform parents of what it means to be a Title I school and what the parental requirements are under Title I Section 1118.

Topics to be covered will include:

- What Title I provides
- Ways parents can become involved at Columbia High School.
- Review of various federal and state programs (i.e. IDEA, Title V, Act 135, EAA) and resources available to parents and their students
- Review of curriculum and resources to support student achievement
- Overview of the different types of academic assessments students take at CHS such as End of Course Exam (EOC), Advanced Placement (AP), College and Career Ready (ACT and WIN Ready to Work Assessment), District Benchmark Assessments, and Teacher-made Assessments .
- Overview of the school's annual report card and the school improvement identification
- Parents' Right to Know

Quarterly meetings will be scheduled to accommodate parents. Meetings may include the following: Open House, Grade Level Parent Meetings, Senior Parent Meeting, Report Card Conferences, Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), Title I Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and School Improvement Council (SIC) Meetings, Capital Social Nights, EOC/AP Parent Nights, FAFSA Nights, and Fine Arts Nights.

To increase parental involvement, Title I funds will be used to provide parent workshops, materials, facilitators, refreshments, and other necessary expenses. Parents will be notified about parent involvement opportunities through platforms such as:

- School website: www.richlandone.org/Columbia.rscd1.org
- Auto-dialer, emails, phone calls, and the school marquee
- Richland One TV
- PTSA/SIC and Title I PAC meetings
- Social media

The Home-School Compact will be developed by the Title I Planning Committee. The compact draft will be provided to both the SIC and PTSA for feedback after which the School-Parent Compact will be finalized and distributed at the beginning of the school year.

Communication with parents may be provided in languages representative of our population. A copy of the Title I plan will be located on file in the principal's office and the school library. Our plan will also be available on the Columbia High School website. Parents may submit feedback in writing to the principal or online and during meetings held throughout the school year.