

Midland Academy Parent and Family Engagement Policy



Midland Academy Charter Parent and Family Engagement Policy ESSA Section 1116 2024-2025

1. Midland Academy Charter shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of ESSA Section 1116 subsections (c) through (f). Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
Section 1116 (b)(1) & (e)(5)

Midland Academy will conduct meetings where stakeholders such as parents, teachers and administration will gather to review Midland Academy's Parental Involvement Policy and the school-parent compact. The Parental Engagement Policy will be distributed as an appendix to the student handbook. The policy will also be posted to our school website. Parents of new enrolling students will receive the policy upon registration.

Midland Academy will provide the following support to assist in planning and implementing our PFE Policy:

Monthly Campus Improvement Team Meetings

Regular Title 1 meetings

PTO Meetings

General School Meetings

Parents Meetings

Newsletter

Parental Involvement link on website

2. *Midland Academy Charter* shall convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved; Section 1116 (c)(1)

Midland Academy will host annual meetings to ensure parents are able to attend so that they can become aware of their participation and their rights as parents. Midland Academy conducts grade level orientation meetings, for every grade level in the fall with a parent informational meeting held before the orientation. Another informational meeting is held in fall that coincides with Reading Night. Parents are notified of these meetings through emails, flyers, class dojo and website postings. These meetings are conducted by the superintendent.

3. Midland Academy Charter shall offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, childcare, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement; Section 1116 (c)(2)

Midland Academy hosts various meetings at differing times for flexible attendance. These meetings can be held before school, during lunch time, after school and during evening hours.

Monthly Campus Improvement Team Meetings

Monthly Campus Solution Team Meetings

Regular Title 1 Meetings (Meeting in the evening during Literacy Night. Meeting is recorded or can be accessed via Zoom)

PTO Meetings (monthly meeting held in the afternoon)

General School Meetings (held periodically at varying times)

Parent Meetings (held periodically at varying times)

4. Midland Academy Charter shall involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under section 1114(b) (Campus Improvement

Plan), except that if a school has in place a process for involving parents in the joint planning and design of the school's programs, the school may use that process, if such process includes an adequate representation of parents of participating children; Section 1116 (c)(3)

Grade level Orientation

Family Literacy Night

Family Math Night

Title I meetings

PTO Meetings

General School Meetings

5. Midland Academy Charter shall provide parents of participating children—

(A) timely information about programs under this part;

(B) a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and

(C) if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible;

Section 1116 (c)(4)

- Parental Family Engagement Meetings
- PTO Meetings
- Family Literacy Night
- Family Math Night
- Grade Level Orientations
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Website Links

6. If the schoolwide program plan (Campus Improvement Plan, CIP) under section 1114(b) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency. Section 1116 (c)(5)

Midland Academy published the CIP on the campus website. It is also explained during and opened for discussion during our Title I public meetings. Parents are able to also submit comments through our email, during the meetings, and anytime after.

7. To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Midland Academy shall: Section 1116 (e)

(i) provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children; Section 1116 (e)(1)

- Grade Level Orientation
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Class Dojo
- Gradebook Parent Access
- Website links provided through our webpage

(ii) provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement; Section 1116 (e)(2)

- Family Literacy Night
- Family Math/STEAM Night
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Website links provided through our website

(iii) educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school; Section 1116 (e)(3)

- Beginning of the year professional development
- Monthly team solutions meetings
- Staff meetings

(iv) to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children; Section 1116 (e)(4)

(v) provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. Section 1116 (e)(14)

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