

Seneca Valley School District LEA Parent and Family Engagement Policy (Attach 1)

Procedures

1. Parent and Family Involvement in the Development of the Consolidated Plan

The LEA actively involves parents and family members in the development of the consolidated plan by utilizing multiple methods for collecting input and feedback. These include:

- Electronic communication to families (e.g., district emails, newsletters, and digital surveys)
- Regularly scheduled Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings
- Annual Title I Parent Meetings at each Title I school
- The annual District Needs Assessment Survey (results are aggregated by building to allow for comparison/analysis)

Additionally, information related to the consolidated plan is posted on the district's website, including a designated contact person and email address for submitting feedback or questions.

2. Parent and Family Involvement in School Review and Improvement

The LEA engages parents and families in school review and improvement through the development and ongoing implementation of each school's Schoolwide Title I Plan. These plans serve as a framework to ensure stakeholder feedback informs continuous improvement. Specifically:

- Building administrators host in-person and virtual meetings throughout the year to review school improvement goals, evaluate progress, and share updates with families
 - Annual Title I Parent Meeting
 - PTO Meetings
 - Parents as Allies Coalition (RGMS)
 - FRCP Meetings

3. Provision of Technical Assistance to Schools

The LEA provides technical assistance to schools to support high-quality family and parent engagement practices. This assistance includes:

- Providing training and resources to school leaders and staff on best practices in family engagement
- Offering consultation and support for organizing family engagement events and communication strategies
- Sharing templates, data tools, and facilitation guides for effective stakeholder meetings
- Assisting in the development, monitoring, and revision of Schoolwide Plans
- Facilitating collaboration among Title I staff, building leadership teams, and community partners

4. Coordination and Integration with Other Federal, State, and Local Programs

The LEA coordinates and integrates parent and family engagement strategies across federal, state, and local programs and laws by:

- Aligning efforts with IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and Ready to Learn
- Collaborating with local agencies and organizations to ensure wraparound support services are accessible to families (YMCA, Stepping Stones, municipal centers, etc.)
- Integrating family engagement practices into School Improvement Plans, Professional Development offerings, and community outreach efforts
- Partnering with Pre-K programs, Head Start, and early childhood providers to ensure smooth transitions into elementary school

5. Evaluation of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy

The LEA evaluates the effectiveness of its parent and family engagement efforts throughout the school year. Evaluation methods include:

- Annual parent surveys
- Feedback sessions held during parent-teacher conferences, PTO meetings, FRCP meetings and Annual Title I Parent Meetings
- Ongoing opportunities for input via the district website and direct outreach

In addition, Title I staff and district administration meet regularly to review family engagement plans, program participation, and alignment with district goals. Findings from these reviews are used to:

- Refine or eliminate ineffective programs

- Create new initiatives that reflect the needs of students and families
- Strengthen connections between home, school, and community

6. Involvement in Future Ready Comprehensive Planning

Parents and family members are involved in the District's Future Ready Comprehensive Planning process. This ongoing initiative includes periodic review of district-level goals by stakeholders, including parents. Their involvement ensures that the comprehensive plan reflects shared priorities and supports academic success and family engagement across all schools.