Thomas Heyward Academy
Parental Engagement Policy
Academic Year 2025–2026

Thomas Heyward Academy participates in the federal Title I program that provides additional resources to enhance teaching and learning. THA is committed to ensuring that all students achieve academic success through collaboration among families, faculty and staff members, board members, and the community. This Parental Engagement Policy outlines how we will engage, communicate, and partner with parents to promote a positive learning environment.

Purpose of the Policy

To foster a positive partnership among families, faculty and staff members, board members, and community members to achieve improved academic success for all students, while also explaining how Thomas Heyward Academy will carry out federal and state requirements under Title I.

Policy Goals

- Strengthen the partnership between home and school.
- Encourage active participation of parents in their child's education.
- Ensure open communication between parents and school staff.
- Provide parents with resources and training to support learning at home.
- Create a welcoming and supportive school climate.

Parent Involvement Strategies

- Host an annual Title I meeting to inform parents about the school's Title I program.
- Offer regular parent-teacher conferences to discuss student progress.
- Distribute the School–Parent Compact and review it annually.
- Provide workshops and training opportunities for parents.
- Involve parents through annual surveys to improve school effectiveness
- Share timely information through newsletters, emails, and the school website.
- Encourage parents to volunteer and participate in school committees and events.
- Reserve a minimum of one percent of the Title l, Part A, allocations for parental involvement.

Communication with Parents

We will communicate with parents in clear, timely, and accessible ways. All communications will be provided in a format and language parents can understand. We will use multiple channels including newsletters, emails, school website updates, social media, phone calls, and in-person meetings.

Annual Review of Policy

This Parental Engagement Policy will be reviewed annually with input from parents, teachers, administrators, and other stakeholders. Revisions will be made as needed to reflect changes in Title I requirements or school needs.