



# John P. Thomas Elementary

## 2025-2026 TITLE I PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy was developed in collaboration with parents, school staff, and community partners. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be updated annually and will be distributed school-wide to ensure parents receive the final version.

### **Annual Title I Meeting**

John P. Thomas Elementary convenes an Annual Title I meeting to inform families of Title I requirements and parents' *Right to Know*. Within the first 45 days of the new school year, an Annual Title I meeting is held to inform families of the current Title I Plan, Federal and State programs, a description of the curriculum and additional programs that help raise the achievement level of the students most academically in need. Assessments used for testing and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. As well as the guidelines for ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act).

### **Varied Opportunities for Parent Meetings**

John P. Thomas staff will make reasonable accommodation to families to schedule parent committee meetings, parent conferences, parent workshops, and other school events at different times during the day. Title I funds may be used to pay for necessary expenses associated with the parent involvement activities.

### **Meaningful Communication**

Parents will receive timely notices about parental engagement opportunities through several means: Parent Newsletter, School's website, School Messenger System, Talking Points, E-mail, Phone Calls, Family Committee Meetings, Social Media Outlets, Local Churches, Marquee, Flyers, Richland One TV Station (Channel 12), and any other communication methods. <http://jpthomas.richlandone.org>

### **Title I Plan**

All stakeholders will jointly participate in planning and developing the Title I Plan. A copy of the Title I plan is available in the school office, the parent room, media center, and on the school's website. Feedback on the Plan is highly encouraged, and parents may submit comments and suggestions on the plan in writing through the parent suggestion box located in the main office or on the school's website. School Administration will respond to any comments or suggestions for the Title I Plan within 5 days of its submission by email or phone.

### **Parent-School-Community Compact**

All stakeholders will jointly participate in planning and developing the Parent-School-Community Compact. A copy of the Compact will be sent home to parents for comments and suggestions. The Parent-School-Community Compact will be updated annually and will be distributed school-wide to ensure parents receive the final version.

### **Parent Learning Opportunities**

Parent Learning Opportunities will be held by school staff to help parents understand the State's academic standards, student achievement standards, and academic assessments. These learning opportunities are subject to be held in-person, virtually, off site, car rider line, newsletter, Talking Points, and other communication methods. To help parents work with their children to improve achievement.

Title I funds may be used to pay for event materials, training, and on-site childcare. Several other resources are made available to the parents in our front office at your request. The school will provide opportunities for the informed participation of all family members, including families with limited proficiency and disabilities.