Portland Gateview Elementary

Annual Title I & Family Engagement Meeting

August 28, 2025



Meet our Team



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Meeting Objectives

- Inform you of our school's participation in Title I
- Share information about Title I Schoolwide Program
- Explain your rights as parents and family members to be involved



What is a Title I school?

Title I schools receive extra funding (Title I dollars) from the federal government. These dollars are used to:

- identify students experiencing academic difficulties and provide assistance to help these students
- provide additional staff and purchase programs, materials, and/or supplies to support learning
- conduct parent and family engagement meetings, trainings, events, and/or activities.



How Do We Become A Title I School?

By completing the free and reduced lunch application, YOU are helping PGE stay a Title I school.

- All information is kept confidential!
- If you do qualify, you don't have to accept assistance!



What can Title I funds be used for?

Your school may use Title I funds for:

- smaller class sizes
- additional teachers and paraprofessionals
- additional training for school staff
- before and/or after school programs
- parent and family engagement activities
- a variety of supplemental teaching materials, equipment, and technology









What are my rights?

As a family member, you have the right to:

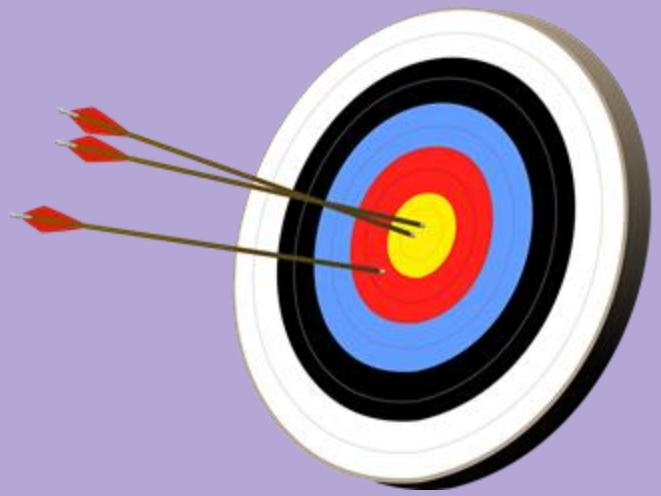
- share feedback to help make decisions at PGE and for Sumner County Schools
- receive information regarding your child's progress in reading/language arts, writing, mathematics, and science
- request and receive information on the faculty and staff working with your child
- request opportunities for regular meetings to provide feedback to the school
- communication about student learning at PGE (Skyward, Remind, Facebook, Cub Scoop Newsletter, take home folders and Sumner Connect)



What are our schoolwide program goals?

Improved student outcomes! Increase the academic performance of students in reading and math.

Continue developing a culture and climate in which every student feels loved and successful.



How is parent and family engagement funded?

- Any district with a Title I allocation exceeding $500,000 is required by law to set aside 1% of its Title I allocation for parent and family engagement.
- Of that 1%, 10% may be reserved at the district for system-wide initiatives related to parent and family engagement. The remaining 90% must be allocated to all Title I schools in the district.
- You, as Title I parents and family members, have the right to be involved in how this money is spent.



What is a Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

These plans address how the district and school will implement the parent and family engagement requirements of ESSA. Components should include:

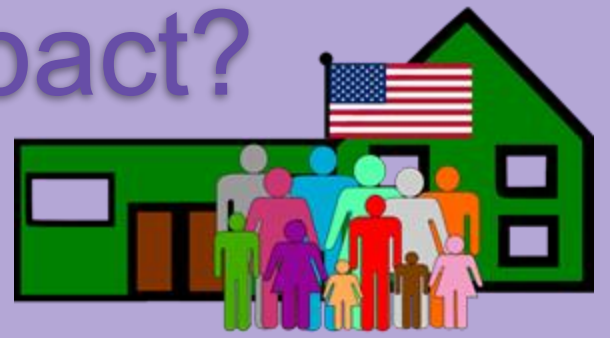
- how parents and families can be involved in decision-making and activities
- how parent and family engagement funds are being used
- how information and training will be provided to families
- how the school will build capacity in families and staff for strong parent and family engagement.

You, as a Title I parent or family member, have the right to be involved in the development of these plans.

Visit pge.sumnerschools.org to see the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.



What is a School-Parent Compact?



The compact must describe how the school will:

- provide high-quality curriculum and instruction
- hold parent-teacher conferences, annually in elementary schools;
- provide parents with reports on their child's progress
- provide parents reasonable access to staff
- provide parents opportunities to volunteer
- ensure regular two-way meaningful communication between family members and staff, to the extent practicable, in a language family members can understand

You, as a Title I parent or family member, have the right to be involved in the development of the compact.

You will receive a copy of the School-Parent Compact tonight. The compact can also be found on our school website.

Save the Date

PGE Important Dates

August

4th- First Day of School
28th- Back to School Night
(K-2nd) Title Meeting @5:00
(3rd-5th) Title Meeting @5:30
28th- 9/12th- Little Lambs Fundraiser
29th- Birthday Celebrations/ Spirit Day

September

1st- No School
15th- Student-Led Conferences 12:00-6:00 pm
25th- Reading Under the Stars 5:00 pm
26th- Birthday Celebrations/ Spirit Day

October

6th- 10th Fall Break
13th- No School
16th- Fall Pictures
17th- Report Cards
27th- 31st- Book Fair
30th- Boo Bash/ Book Fair 5:00 pm
31st- Birthday Celebrations/Spirit Day

November

4th- No School
17th- Fall picture Retake
21st- Birthday Celebrations/ Spirit Day
24th-28th Thanksgiving Break

December

12th-Birthday Celebrations/ Spirit Day
15th-19th- Holiday Shop (PTO)
16th- Holiday Event 5:00pm (PTO)
19th- Party Day (Half Day)

Winter Break

Dec. 22nd- Jan. 5th Winter Break

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How can I be involved?

We need you! Research has proven that family engagement in education has more impact on student achievement than any other factor.

To get involved with the

- School Improvement Plan
- Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- School Parent Compact



Complete the survey TONIGHT or reach out to Erin Braden (Title I Reading Specialist) or Mrs. Kimberly Smallwood (principal). If you would like to be part of the Title 1 committee please include you contact information on the final survey question.

Please take this survey!





WE JUST WANT TO SAY…

THANK YOU!

What is the SIP?

The SIP is the School Improvement Plan. It includes:

- the school planning team and the involvement of each member
- a detailed summary of the prior year's academic and non-academic data
- goals, strategies, and action steps to help address the academic and non-academic needs of students
- teacher and staff professional development needs
- budgets and the coordination of resources



What curriculum does our school use?

- The Tennessee Academic Standards provide a common set of expectations for what students will know and be able to do at the end of a grade for each subject area.
- Reading: Fundations, Geodes, Wit & Wisdom
- Math: Eureka
- Science: McGraw-Hill



What tests will my child be taking?

Your child will take assessments that are included in the curriculum, as well as:

- A universal screener, three times a year (K-5)
- Sumner County Benchmarks, once a year (3-5)
- TN Ready State Assessment, once a year (3-5)

