

Scranton School District

Northeast Scranton Intermediate School

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School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Northeast Intermediate School Year 2025-2026

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Northeast Intermediate School receives Title I, Part A funds and must jointly develop with, agree with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities. It is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the district.

Northeast Intermediate School agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

- Involve parents and families in the planning, review, and improvement of programs and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy.
- Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in a language parents understand.
- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards and recommendations from PVAAS.

School Parent and Family Engagement Policy Components

Northeast Intermediate School will provide opportunities for parent and family engagement, so that a flexible number of opportunities will be given to parents to understand and become involved in the school program.

- Annual meeting will be held no later than October 29, 2021. All parents and family members of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend.

- This meeting will be used to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation, as well as the parents' rights to be involved. Discussion of Family Engagement activities will also be discussed.
- Copies of the parent and family engagement policy will be distributed and revised as needed.
- Title 1 staff will be introduced, and they will explain the requirements and rights for parents to be involved.

Northeast Intermediate will communicate with parents of participating children in the following ways:

- Timely information about the Title I programs: Family surveys, periodical newsletters, updates via Remind App, ITE Facebook page, NSIS web page
- Flexible meeting opportunities
- Information related to the school and parent and family engagement programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats and languages upon request and.

Northeast Intermediate School will integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs by:

- RIF book distribution three times a year
- UGI employees volunteer their time three times a year to read a book to the students and provide them with a book.
- Scholastic Book Fair: all students receive a voucher to purchase a book. Parent/family volunteers staff the book over several days. There is also an opportunity for Title 1 families to attend the book fair after school hours.
- Volunteers from the Albright Memorial Public Library do several presentations to students throughout the year. They are also available to us upon request.
- Title 1 staff will be available during the after school Children's Produce Market to provide reading tips and strategies for working with their children at home.

Northeast Intermediate School will support family engagement activities at the school level to help assist parents in understanding such topics as curriculum and standards, through the following activities such as:

- Title 1 Family Night at the Book Fair
- Motivational Speaker
- Technology advice using "Google Classroom."
- "Back to School Night" prior to the start of the school year to meet the teachers and tour the school.
- A parent resource center is located in the main lobby and is easily accessible.

- A home-school connection folder is sent home weekly to encourage and support parental involvement. The folder includes reading strategies, homework tips, websites, activities, etc.
- Literacy activities are sent home to foster meaningful parent and child home literacy experiences.

The following assessments are being used at Northeast Intermediate:
Benchmark assessments

Northeast Intermediate School's family engagement activities will assist parents on how to monitor their children's progress and work with educators to improve their achievement using the following:

- Parent/Teacher conferences
- Title 1 staff will introduce and explain various simple reading activities that can be done at home. Examples may include, reading with children for 10 minutes a day, reading nook, a special place to put their kids books, rhyming games, tongue twisters, sound games etc.

Northeast Intermediate School will provide training to educate teachers, support personnel, principals and other school leaders, and other staff:

- Opening day faculty and staff meeting with building administrators.
- Beginning of the year Title 1 staff meeting
- Quarterly Title 1 staff meetings
- Back to School Night Title 1 presentation
- PTA meetings will include a Title 1 component
- Five scheduled faculty and staff meetings with building administrators
- Various webinars throughout the school year
- NEIU workshops and trainings
- Seminars and conferences

Respectfully,

Dr. Chris Gentilezza