



SHAW HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2025-26

Shaw Heights Elementary School has jointly developed with parents of children participating in Title I services this Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The school must ensure that information related to school and the parent program, meetings, and other activities are sent to the parents of Title I children in a format and in a language the parents can understand.

1. Title I parents who have agreed to be a part of the Parent Advisory Committee will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the Parent Family Engagement Policy. The committee will meet as many times as necessary to plan, implement, and revise ways to increase effective parental involvement in order to improve student academic achievement and performance. This will be done in the following way:
 - Invitation to parents near the beginning of the school year to plan, review, and make improvements as needed
2. Shaw Heights will hold an annual meeting to inform the Title I parents of their requirements and rights to be involved in the Title I program. This will be done in the following ways:
 - Flyers
 - Newsletters
 - School website
 - SchoolStatus Connect
 - Google Meet or in - person Title I workshop
3. Parent conferences and meetings will be held during different times of the day throughout the school year. This will be done in the following ways:
 - Flexible meetings
 - Meetings scheduled to accommodate all parents (a.m. and p.m.)
 - Written notices to parents in a timely manner
 - Telephone calls
 - School website
 - Virtual meetings
4. Title I funds will be used when necessary to enable parents to participate in school meetings, training sessions, and parent involvement opportunities. This will be done in the following ways:
 - Transportation
 - Child care
 - Home visits
5. Shaw Heights will invite parents to a spring planning meeting to review and make improvements to the Title I program. The school will hold quarterly meetings at which time parents will be asked to provide suggestions and feedback on how to improve its Title I school program.
6. Parents will be involved in the joint development of the school wide program and improvement plan each year. This will be done in the following ways:
 - Formation of an SIC Committee that consists of parents and community members
 - Title I Workshops
 - Suggestions through Google Forms
 - Invitations to serve on committees
 - PTO
7. Shaw Heights will provide parents of participating children with timely information about the Title I program. This will be done in the following ways:
 - Flyers
 - Meeting notifications
 - School newsletters/ calendars
 - School website
 - SchoolStatus Connect

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8. Shaw Heights will provide parents of Title I students with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and proficiency levels students are expected to meet. This will be done in the following ways:
- Parent-teacher conferences /quarterly
 - Interim reports
 - Report cards
9. Shaw Heights will provide assistance to parents in understanding the state academic content standards and student achievement standards, local academic assessments, how to monitor children's progress, and how to work with teachers to improve the achievement of their children. This will be done in the following ways:
- MAP testing
 - South Carolina state assessment
 - South Carolina standards
 - Academic progress reports (interim reports and report cards)
 - Parent workshops
10. Shaw Heights will provide, if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practically possible. This will be done in the following ways:
- Parent- teacher conferences
 - Contact with the school principal to share concerns, feedback, or suggestions in response to the Title I program and activities
 - Principal's email
 - Timely response by principal
11. In the fall, Shaw Heights will jointly develop with parents of Title I students a school/ parent compact that outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share in the responsibility for improving student academic achievement. This will be done in the following ways:
- Parent Meeting to review Title I compact
 - Review, revision, and distribution of the Title I compact.
12. Shaw Heights will foster parent involvement by providing materials and training through parent workshops to help parents work with their children to improve student achievement. The school will provide opportunities for all Title I parents to participate, including parents with limited English proficiency and parents of students with disabilities. This will be done in the following ways:
- Workshops that address student achievement and technology
 - Information and reports in parent friendly language
 - Printed material in other languages as needed
 - Translator as needed

Please sign and return this form to your child's teacher as acknowledgement that you have read this policy.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

Teacher Name _____ **Grade Level** _____

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