



Sterrett Classical Academy

TITLE 1

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

2025-2026 School Year

Revised November 19, 2025

Parent and Family Engagement Policy Development Information

- This school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be discussed with parents at the annual Title 1 meeting held on October 17, 2025. At this meeting, the policy, legal requirements, and the parents' rights to be involved will be explained. A copy of this policy and a copy of the legal requirements will be distributed to parents at this meeting. Parents that are unable to attend the meeting can review the policy at the school or request a copy to be mailed to their house. Parents will be provided with the opportunity to provide input on the policy during the month of October and November. The policy will be revised based on parent recommendations and distributed to all families by November 19, 2025.

Regular Parent and Family Engagement Meetings

- The school meets with any interested parent or community member on the third Wednesday of each month throughout the year at 12:00 PM. Parents will receive a monthly calendar and upcoming events newsletter indicating meeting dates and times. Parents will be sent a Microsoft Team's meeting link.
- Parents will be involved in the development of this policy, the home/school compact, and the school improvement plan. Parents were invited to the annual Title 1 meeting to review and provide input on the policy.
- Parents are encouraged to offer suggestions to engage parents in school events and training.
- Parents will provide feedback to the school through the yearly district parent survey, other school surveys and/or

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at the end of each parent and family engagement activity to help the school improve our offerings.

- Parents will be informed of programs available through the parent and family engagement policy and under Title 1 law. Parents will also be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title 1 program.
- Parents will be involved in the development of the school improvement plan. School improvement planning is discussed throughout the year at parent meetings. Parents have an opportunity to review and provide input into school improvement goals. Staff members will share with parents and community members how the school is progressing towards meeting their school improvement goals throughout the year.
- Mrs. Fulton-Gallagher, FACE Coordinator, will serve as a parent/school liaison. She will work with parents to schedule meetings and plan activities that meet the needs of parents and families.

Parent and Family Engagement Title 1 Budget

- The school will provide parents and community members with regular updates on how the school is utilizing Title 1 funds. Title 1 funds may be used to pay expenses associated with Title 1 parent involvement activities, including but not limited to funds to pay for meals, activities, etc. that enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training. Parents can request to see how Title 1 funds are being spent. Parents have input at monthly meetings to discuss parent and family engagement expenditures.

Informing Parents of Academic Standards

The following curricula are used at Pittsburgh Sterrett Classical Academy:

Math

- Illustrative Mathematics (6-8)
- IXL (6-8) Individualized Pathway for each student
- Dreambox

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Communications

- 6th -My Perspectives
- 7th My Perspectives
- 8th My Perspectives
- IXL
- My Path Reading

Science

- Carolina Scientific (6-8)
- IXL
- Gizmo

Social Studies

- 6th grade Eastern Hemisphere McGraw Hill
- 7th Western Hemisphere McGraw Hill
- 8th American Journey - Glencoe

The PPS Social Studies curriculum is fully and intentionally aligned to the relevant and robust Pennsylvania State Standards, with recognition of the National Standards for Social Studies, including an emphasis on the College, Career and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies learners and delivered through curriculum that is organized both chronologically and thematically.

Informing Parents of Academic Progress

- Parents will be informed of their child's progress via report cards, interim reports, student monitoring tools with data from assessments, and results from district and state tests. Parents will also be able to make an appointment to review their child's individual data folder or diagnostic testing information.
- Parents can also access their child's classroom progress by accessing the online Home Access Center. Parents are sent their login and passwords.
- Teachers at Sterrett use the Talking Points App.

School Communication with Parents

- The school will provide parents with the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss their child's progress throughout the year. Parent/ teacher conferences will be scheduled on October 17th and by parent request.
- The school sends home regular written communication to parents in their home language. The Blackboard phone



Students first

Always, in all ways.

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system and talking points are also utilized to communicate important school information via phone with parents.

- Staff members have access to an interpreting service to communicate with parents. Parents can request an interpreter for parent meetings and family engagement activities. The school coordinates these requests with the ESL office. The school also have one staff member that can communicate with parents in Spanish.
- Parents will have the opportunity to volunteer, participate in their child's class, and observe classrooms in accordance with the district school visitor policy.
- The school works to coordinate regular communication with other schools in the region.
- Sterrett will educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents and family members, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents and family members as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and family members. SPAC videos will be one of the tools used to educate staff members.