

School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

School Year 2025-2026

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, **Marion-Sterling School** receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a parent and family engagement policy (written or posted on school website), agreed on by such parents and family members, that shall describe the means of carrying out the requirements of The Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA) Section 1116. Parents and family members shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents and family members can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of the parents, family members, and the school. The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parental and family engagement activities.

Marion-Sterling School understands that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents and families in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- Parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- Parents and families are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child

Marion-Sterling School agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by ESSA Section 1116:

A. ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

Marion-Sterling School will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents and family members of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents' and family members requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent and family compact.

This meeting will be held at the first Open House of the school year. School policies and procedures will be shared. Additionally, the AAP Goals will be shared as well as opportunities for involvement. A session will be offered on how to navigate the school website, where parent information, including the parent

handbook can be accessed. Finally, Say Yes Support Services will be presented to parents.

B. FLEXIBLE NUMBER OF MEETINGS

Marion-Sterling School will offer a flexible number of engagement meetings in accordance with the OPHAS level as outlined in Part A at convenient times for parents and families, such as meetings in the morning or evening (for which the school may use Title I funds to provide transportation, child care or home visits, as such services relate to parent and family engagement (if the state's current OPHAS Level is 1).

Marion-Sterling will conduct Monthly SPO/PAC meetings and Parent Cafes to rebuild active membership on the third Thursday of each month at 9:00am/12:00pm.

Family Night will be held in the evening for parents who cannot attend daytime events.

C. JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Marion-Sterling School will take the following actions to engage parents and families in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan.

Marion-Sterling School will utilize time during the monthly parent meetings to receive feedback from parents on Family Engagement programs and to develop the Family and Community Engagement Policy and School-Family Compact. Parents will be surveyed during these meetings to gather data on activities they would like to participate in.

Members of Marion-Sterling School's parent group will be invited to participate in the school Academic Achievement Plan Team and Family and Community Engagement Committee to plan programming for parents based on the parents' and scholars' needs.

D. COMMUNICATION

Marion-Sterling School will provide parents and families of participating children timely information about programs under Title I, including:

- a) a description and explanation of the curriculum in use,
- b) forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress,
- c) achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards, and
- d) if requested by parents and families, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicable possible.

Information related to the school and parent and family engagement programs, meetings, and other activities, will be provided to the parents and families of enrolled children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents and families can understand.

Marion-Sterling School will provide IVR and text messages, Facebook/Instagram posts and personal invitations to parents about upcoming family activities and things that are occurring at the school or online. All modes of communication will be translated into Spanish based on need.

Marion-Sterling School will also send home a monthly newsletter and calendar to keep parents informed about upcoming testing, family activities and days school will be closed.

E. DISSENSION PROCESS

Marion-Sterling School will submit any comments/concerns to the CMSD Office of Family and Community Engagement if the schoolwide plan and/or parent and family engagement policy is not satisfactory to parents and family members.

Any comments/concerns can be emailed to the Executive Director of Family and Community Engagement, Tracy Hill, at tracy.hill@clevelandmetroschools.org.

F. SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Marion-Sterling School will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents and family members of enrolled children a school-parent and family compact that outlines how parents, families, school, staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standard and how the plan is used, reviewed, and updated.

Marion-Sterling School will develop the School Parent Compact with parents that are on the board of the Parent Group. The educators of Marion-Sterling School will revise the educator's section of this document. This document will be a living and breathing document and can be revised at the request of any stakeholder(s). The parent compact will be posted on the website and available at the school.

G. BUILD CAPACITY OF PARENTS

Marion-Sterling School will build the parent and family capacity for strong family engagement to ensure effective engagement of parents and families and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Materials and training to help parents and families to work with their children to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology

- (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement
- Provide assistance to parents and families of enrolled children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
 - the State’s academic content standards,
 - the State’s student academic achievement standards,
 - the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
 - the requirements of Title I, Part A,
 - how to monitor their child’s progress, and
 - how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.
 - Educate school personnel, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents and families, in the value and utility of the contributions of parents and families, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents and families as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent and family programs, and build ties between parents, families, and the school.
 - Coordinate and integrate parental and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as family resource centers and materials that encourage and support parents and families to fully participate in the education of their children.

Marion-Sterling School will develop parent engagement activities with parents so that we ensure that we are building the capacity of our families based on their needs.

Marion-Sterling School will host Family Nights geared towards Literacy and Math, per our AAP Goals.

Marion-Sterling will host various Parent University workshops that will educate parents on how to work with special needs scholar(s) and will provide parents with support at developing parenting skills. Other workshops related to Social-Emotional learning will be provided to build the culture and climate of Marion-Sterling School.

Marion-Sterling School will host literacy programs such as 3rd Grade reading Guarantee Nights and parent engagement workshops to increase Value Added reading.

Marion-Sterling School will utilize Parent Teacher Conferences, and Open-House to provide updates on an individual scholar’s academic performance, as well as to review whole school data.

H. ACCESSIBILITY

Marion-Sterling School in carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements of this part, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities, for the participation of parents and family members (including parents and family members with limited English

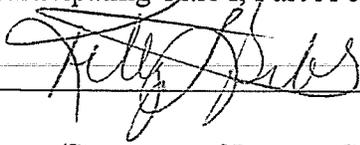
proficiency, parents and family members with disabilities, and parents and family members of migratory children), including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 in a format, and to the extent practicable, in a language such parents/caregivers understand.

Marion-Sterling School will provide materials, and a format that is accessible to all stakeholders in the school community.

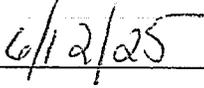
This School Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents and families of children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

Principal Gibbs, Family Support Specialist Williams-Gulley and Parent Ambassador and SPO Board Members collaborated on June 10, 2025, to jointly develop this living breathing document.

This policy was adopted by the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and will be in effect for the school year 2025-2026. The school will distribute this policy to all parents and families of participating Title I, Part A children on or before **September 30, 2025**.



(Signature of Principal)



(Date)



(Signature of Parent/Caregiver Leader)



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