

NRHEG Public Schools
Title I Family Engagement Plan
2025-2026

District Mission Statement

NRHEG Public Schools is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every student. It is our goal to establish partnerships with parents as well as the NRHEG community. It is beneficial for school and home to work together in striving for high student achievement. Parents play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. Their support for their children and for the school is critical for success.

PART I. DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS

Districts must establish expectations for parental involvement. (Section 1118(a)(2), ESEA.)

NRHEG Public Schools agrees to implement the following requirements:

- Implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I programs. These programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- Work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parent involvement plan meets the Title I requirements and includes, as a component, a school-parent compact
- Incorporate this district-wide Family Engagement Plan into its district plan
- Carry out the Title I parent involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, by providing full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in an understandable and uniform format, providing alternate formats upon request, and to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand
- If the plan for Title I is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments when the plan is submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education.
- Will involve the parents of children served in Title I schools in decisions about how the one percent of Title I funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools. (Only applicable for districts with Title I allocations greater than \$500,000.)
- Will inform parents and parental organizations of the purpose and existence of the Parental Information and Resource Center in Minnesota (i.e., Minnesota Parent Center, Bloomington, MN).

PART II. DISTRICT/SCHOOL FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN REQUIRED COMPONENTS

1. NRHEG Public Schools will take the following actions to involve parents/guardians who have Title I students in the joint development of its district/school parent involvement plan:
 - a. The family engagement plan is presented to parents/guardians by principals and/or Teaching and Learning staff in the fall of the year. Our Family Engagement Plan is posted on our school district website and reviewed for input annually with parents each spring.

Activity	Date	Contact Person	Email
Fall Conferences/ Parent Information	November 2025	Kim Meyer	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us
Parent Advisory Meeting/Family Fun Night	February 2026	Kim Meyer Mandra Peterson	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us mpeterson@nrheg.k12.mn.us

2. NRHEG Public Schools will involve parents in the process of district and school plan, review and improvement.
 - a. Parents will review the Parent Engagement Draft created by the principals and/or Teaching and Learning Staff at the fall Title I meetings. Input will be added to the draft.
 - b. District residents are informed of district assessments and school improvement results in the CACR district report. Each school informs their parents of their results and how to access their school report cards online.
 - c. Staff development opportunities will be made available to Title I staff to encourage parent and teacher partnerships. A direct focus will be on sharing information about student progress and how parents can help at home.

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Title I Family Night/Advisory Meeting	February 2026	Kim Meyer Mandra Peterson	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us mpeterson@nrheg.k12.mn.us
School Website	Ongoing	Kim Meyer Mandra Peterson	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us mpeterson@nrheg.k12.mn.us
Staff Intervention	October 2025	Sara Ihrke	sihrke2nrheg.k12.mn.us

Training		Katie Lee	klee@nrheg.k12.mn.us
Parent Information/Data Meetings	November 2025	Sara Ihrke Katie Lee	sihrke2nrheg.k12.mn.us klee@nrheg.k12.mn.us
Parent Information/Data Meetings	February 2026	Sara Ihrke Katie Lee	sihrke2nrheg.k12.mn.us klee@nrheg.k12.mn.us

3. NRHEG Public Schools will provide coordination and technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
- Media Releases
 - School Newsletters
 - Classroom Newsletters
 - District School Calendar
 - School Board Meetings
 - Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences
 - Report Cards
 - Family Nights
 - Advisory Committee Meetings
 - Parent/Guardian/Student Handbooks
 - Title I staff members professional development opportunities
 - Parent/Guardian surveys regarding the effectiveness of of their school's Title I program

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Family Fun Night	February 2026	Kim Meyer	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us
Family Informational Meeting/Survey	February 2026	Kim Meyer Mandra Peterson	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us mpeterson@nrheg.k12.mn.us
Elementary Newsletters	Monthly	Kim Meyer	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us
School Website	Ongoing	Kim Meyer	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us
Title I Parent Tips	Ongoing	Kim Meyer Sara Ihrke	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us sihrke@nrheg.k12.mn.us

4. NRHEG Public Schools will coordinate and align our efforts with federal, state, and local programs to support effective parent/guardian and family engagement strategies that improve student achievement and school performance.
 - a. State and local assessment results, such as the MCAs and Fastbridge Assessment Data are shared and explained to families by the classroom teacher.
 - b. Parent/School compacts are completed during parent-teacher conferences in the fall of the year. If parents do not attend conferences, the compacts are sent home for parent review.
 - c. Title I staff keep records on student progress and data is shared with parents/guardians during parent/teacher conferences twice per year, and at the request of parents/guardians throughout the school year.

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Parent-Teacher Conferences	November 2025	Kim Meyer Mandra Peterson	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us mpeterson@nrheg.k12.mn.us
Parent-Teacher Conferences	January 2026	Kim Meyer Mandra Peterson	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us mpeterson@nrheg.k12.mn.us
Local MATON Meeting	Fall, Winter, Spring	Sara Ihrke Katie Lee	sihrke@nrheg.k12.mn.us klee@nrheg.k12.mn.us
Reading Corps Training	Monthly	Mandra Peterson	mpeterson@nrheg.k12.mn.us

5. NRHEG Public Schools will use evaluation results to develop evidence-based strategies that strengthen parent/guardian and family engagement and to revise the engagement plan as needed.
 - a. Panther Preschool
 - b. Bridges
 - c. Kindergarten Orientation
 - d. PTO
 - e. ECSE
 - f. Preschool Screening
 - g. School Information Center
6. NRHEG Public Schools will involve parents in district activities. This could be establishing a parent/guardian advisory board that develops, evaluates and reviews or revises the parent/guardian and family engagement plan.

7. NRHEG Public Schools will take the following steps to ensure that all Title I information— including details about school programs, parent meetings, and other activities— is provided to parents in a clear, understandable format, with alternative formats available upon request and, when possible, in the family’s home language:
 - a. School/Parent Compact will be available in hard copy and on the district website.
 - b. Family Engagement Plan for the district and each school targeted for Title I funds will be available on the district website.
 - c. District staff is available to parents who require a verbal explanation of material content.
 - d. For parents who do not speak English, documents may be translated.

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District Website	Updated yearly	Kim Meyer Mandra Peterson	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us mpeterson@nrheg.k12.mn.us
Parent-Teacher Conferences	November 2025/ January 2026	Kim Meyer Mandra Peterson	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us mpeterson@nrheg.k12.mn.us

8. NRHEG Public Schools will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement plan in improving the quality of its Title I schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background.) The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement plan and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement plan.
 - a. Parents/guardians have opportunities to review and evaluate the parent involvement content and effectiveness through discussions, informal feedback forms, and surveys.
 - b. Parents/guardians will be given a chance to offer input and suggestions on how the partnership can be improved.
 - c. Additional contact will be given to parents of identified sub groups in the *NRHEG Public Schools* to extend a special invitation to help address concerns and needs of those parents and students.

Activity	Date	Contact Person	Email
Parent Night Information/Review	February 2026 Survey	Kim Meyer Mandra Peterson	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us mpeterson@nrheg.k12.mn.us
Review Assessment Data/Benchmark Assessments	Spring 2026/ Data Meetings	Kim Meyer Mandra Peterson	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us mpeterson@nrheg.k12.mn.us

9. NRHEG Public Schools will involve parents in the decisions regarding how funds reserved for parent involvement activities will be allocated.

- a. Advisory meetings will be held at least twice per year to discuss and gather input from parents/guardians.

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Advisory Meeting	February 2026	Kim Meye Mandra Peterson	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us mpeterson@nrheg.k12.mn.us

PART III. SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

As a component of the school-level parental involvement plan, each school shall jointly develop with parents for all children served under this part, a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

- a. Conduct a parent/teacher conference in elementary schools, annually (at a minimum), during which the compact shall be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child's achievement.
- b. Provide frequent reports to parents on their children's progress; and
- c. Provide parents with reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom activities.

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PART IV. DISCRETIONARY DISTRICTS/SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLAN COMPONENTS

NRHEG Public Schools Family Engagement Plan may:

- a. Provide necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds, if the school district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training.
- b. Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- c. In order to maximize parental involvement and participation in their children's education, arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend those conferences at school.
- d. Establish a district parent advisory council to provide advice on matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs.
- e. Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities.

PART V. ACCESSIBILITY

NRHEG Public Schools will meet the requirements of parent/guardian and family engagement of Title I, to the extent practicable, we will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents/guardians with children with limited English proficiency, parents/guardians with children with disabilities, and parents/guardians of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents/guardians can understand.

- a. Translators will be available upon request.

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School Website	Ongoing	Sarah Wacholz	swacholz@nrheg.k12.mn.us
School-Wide Emails	Ongoing	Kim Meyer	kimmeyer@nrheg.k12.mn.us

PART VI. ADOPTION

The NRHEG Public Schools Family Engagement Plan has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I programs, as evidenced by meeting minutes and sign-in sheets.

The NRHEG Family Engagement Plan will be in effect for the period of the 2025-2026 school year. NRHEG Public Schools will distribute this plan to all parents of participating Title I students on or before December 31, 2025.

Dr. Kimberly Meyer, Title I Coordinator/Elementary Principal

Dr. Kimberly Meyer

Signature of Title I Authorized Representative