

Clarke County Schools

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

In order to comply with the requirements of section 1116 of Every Student Succeeds Act (“ESSA”), the Board will comply with the following requirements:

1. **Joint Development of Required Plans** - The school system will involve parents and family members in jointly developing the Board’s Title I, Part A plan, and the development of school support and improvement plans as required by the ESSA.
2. **Coordination of Activities within the School System** –The school system will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools within the school system in planning and implementing effective parent and family involvement activities designed to improve student academic achievement and school performance. Such coordination may include meaningful consultation with employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations, or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents and family members in education.
3. **Coordination with other Laws and Programs** – The school system will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs.
4. **Annual Evaluation** – The school system will conduct, with the meaningful involvement of parents and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of all schools served under this part, including identifying;
 - A. Barriers to greater participation by parents/families in activities authorized by this section (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);

- B. The needs of parents and family members to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers;
- C. Strategies to support successful school and family interactions.

The school system will use the findings of the annual evaluation to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental and family Instructional Program Clarke County Board of Education Policy Manual engagement, and to revise, if necessary, the parent and family engagement policies described in this section.

5. Involvement of Parents/Family Members – The school system will involve parents in the activities of the schools, which may include establishing a parent advisory board composed of a sufficient number and representative group of parents or family members served by the school system to adequately represent the needs of the population. This advisory board will help develop, revise, and review the parent and family engagement policy.

6. Additional Support- The school system will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under Title I, Part A as parents may request.