

<u>Section I:</u> Instructional Goals and Objectives	Knox County Board of Education Policy		
	Family and Community Engagement	Descriptor Code:	Issued:
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The Knox County Board of Education understands the value and importance of family engagement at both the school and district level. This policy is intended to encourage deep and meaningful family engagement and involvement, align to the expectations for parent and family involvement as established in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Title I, and identify specific opportunities for individual, school, and district-level engagement.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

It is the expectation of Knox County Schools that every school make available opportunities for family engagement and involvement through scheduled events and organizations such as PTOs, PTAs, and Community School Site Steering Committees. Additional opportunities for regional and district-level engagement should also be made available and detailed in Administrative Procedure AP-I-270.

FAMILY FEEDBACK

In addition to creating opportunities for meaningful family engagement and involvement, Knox County Schools will establish ongoing opportunities to solicit feedback from families. These opportunities shall include, but not be limited to, assessing progress on the district's five-year strategic plan and the efficacy of student support systems (i.e. S-Team, 504, and IEP meetings).

The district should report the results of these evaluations to the Board on an annual basis at a minimum. Elements of these evaluations are further detailed in Administrative Procedure AP-I-270. To the extent possible, opportunities for family feedback should be made available in a language that is accessible and relevant to families.

ESSA AND TITLE I EXPECTATIONS

- A. The Knox County School System (KCS) is governed by the statutory definition of parent and family involvement as cited in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Under that act, a school system is required to develop a parent and family engagement policy, which is to be incorporated into the district's plan, establishing expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family involvement.¹

Title I Expectations

- A. Parents and family members of children receiving Title I services shall be involved in the decisions regarding how Title I funds reserved for parent and family engagement are allotted for parental involvement activities. These funds shall be used to carry out activities and strategies consistent with the district's parent and family engagement policy

Each Title I school shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements detailed in Administrative Procedure AP-I-270. Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

Legal Reference:

1. Knox County Schools Administrative Procedure AP-J-210.