

Title I Schoolwide Plan for TCIS

Twin Cities International Schools (TCIS) provides multi-layered evidence that its Title I Schoolwide Plan and associated strategies are accessible to the local education agency (LEA), parents, and the public. This is achieved through digital transparency, specialized language services, and structured community meetings.

1. Public and LEA Accessibility

The school ensures that the local education agency and the general public have immediate access to the program's documentation:

- **Website Repository:** The full Title I Schoolwide Plan & Comprehensive School Improvement Strategy is posted publicly on the TCIS website under "Public Documents" and "For Families" sections. This meets the MN 124E.17 accountability requirements.
- **Signed Accountability:** Evidence of LEA oversight is provided through the formal signatures of the Executive Director and the School Board (which includes teacher and community representatives) on the plan, confirming it has been reviewed and approved at the local level.

2. Understandable Format & Translation

To ensure the plan is "understandable and in a language parents can understand," TCIS employs the following strategies:

- **Multilingual Documentation:** The school explicitly states in its Title I documentation that materials are provided in Somali, Arabic, Oromo, and English to reflect the dominant languages of the student body.
- **Language Access Plan (LAP):** TCIS maintains a specific Language Access Plan that guarantees free translation and interpretation services for all school-related academic progress and specialized program determinations.
- **TransACT Integration:** The school utilizes TransACT ParentNotices, a service that provides standardized, legally compliant school forms and ESSA-required notices already translated into multiple languages, ensuring technical jargon is converted into clear, professional terminology for non-English speakers.

3. Direct Involvement and Communication Channels

TCIS uses specific forums to "present" the plan to parents who may not access it online:

- **Annual Title I Meeting:** An annual meeting is held specifically to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, explain the schoolwide plan, and outline their rights to be involved in future revisions.
- **School-Parent Compact:** A "Schoolwide Title I Compact" brochure is distributed. This document details the complex schoolwide plan into a simplified, "understandable format" that outlines the shared responsibilities of the teacher, parent, and student.
- **Parent-Community Liaisons:** TCIS employs dedicated liaisons who act as cultural and linguistic bridges, explaining the schoolwide goals and needs assessment findings to families during home visits or phone calls.

Summary of Evidence

Evidence Type	Method of Delivery
Digital Transparency	PDF Plan on Official Website
Linguistic Equity	Somali, Oromo, and Arabic Translations
Direct Interaction	Annual Meeting and Advisory Councils
Standardized Notices	TransACT ParentNotices

For the 2026–2027 academic year, Twin Cities International Schools (TCIS) has scheduled its formal governance and community engagement dates to ensure the schoolwide plan is reviewed, approved, and communicated transparently.

1. TCIS School Board Meeting Dates

The School Board serves as the Local Education Agency (LEA) oversight body. These meetings are open to the public, and the Title I Schoolwide Plan progress is a recurring item for review, specifically regarding fund allocation and academic data updates.

Month	Meeting Date	Time	Location
September	Thursday, September 17, 2026	4:00 PM	TCIS Room # 200
October	Thursday, October 22, 2026	4:00 PM	TCIS Room # 200
November	Thursday, November 19, 2026	4:00 PM	TCIS Room # 200
December	Thursday, December 17, 2026	4:00 PM	TCIS Room # 200
January	Thursday, January 21, 2027	4:00 PM	TCIS Room # 200
February	Thursday, February 18, 2027	11:00 AM	TCIS Room # 200
March	Thursday, March 18, 2027	4:00 PM	TCIS Room # 200
April	Thursday, April 15, 2027	4:00 PM	TCIS Room # 200
May	Thursday, May 20, 2027	4:00 PM	TCIS Room # 200
Annual Elections	Saturday, May 22, 2027	10:00 AM	Gymnasium
June	Thursday, June 3, 2027	4:00 PM	TCIS Room # 200

2. Parent Academy & Advisory Meetings

While specific monthly dates for the Title I Parent Advisory Council (PAC) are often finalized and sent home via "ParentNotices" and the school's "Parent Academy" portal, the following key engagement windows are built into the 2026–2027 calendar:

- **Open House & Title I Introduction: August 26, 2026 (12:00 PM – 7:00 PM).** This serves as the primary "understandable format" presentation of the schoolwide goals for the new year. **Back to School** events **September 12, 2026** – Parents, Students, Staff get together for information and fun.
- **Fall Conferences: October 1st and 2nd, 2026 & 10/22/26 Curriculum Night/Winter Conferences 2/4/2027.** A critical touchpoint for reviewing the "School Parent Compact" with individual families.
- **Winter/Spring Training:** As noted in recent board minutes, Parent Academy training sessions occur throughout the second semester to involve parents in the plan's execution. Saturday Parent Academies.

3. Public Availability Evidence

The 2026–2027 school calendar and board agendas are hosted on the TCIS Finals site repository.

- **Translated Calendars:** TCIS provides the school year calendar in Somali, Arabic, and Oromo to ensure the public can track these dates in their native language.
- **Board Agenda 12.18.25:** Explicitly lists the "Director's Report" and "Annual Meeting" planning as public evidence of LEA coordination.