



# **Dana Street Elementary Wyoming Valley West School District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2026-2027**

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##### **2026–2027 School Year**

Dana Street Elementary School recognizes that parents and family members are their child's first and most important teachers. We value parents and family members as equal partners in the education of our students and are committed to building strong partnerships between home, school, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

This Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been jointly developed with parents, family members, teachers, and school staff in accordance with the requirements of the **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Section 1116**. The policy describes how Dana Street Elementary will implement meaningful parent and family engagement activities that support student success.

This policy will be distributed annually to all parents and family members of participating Title I students in a language and format they can understand. It will also be available on the Wyoming Valley West School District website and in the school's Parent Resource Center.

The policy will be reviewed annually with parents and family members to evaluate the effectiveness of parent and family engagement activities, identify barriers to participation, particularly for economically disadvantaged families, families with disabilities, families with limited English proficiency, families with limited literacy, and families of migratory children, and revise the policy based on parent input and changing school needs.

## **1. Annual Title I Meeting**

Dana Street Elementary will hold an Annual Title I Meeting at the beginning of each school year at a convenient time for families.

Parents and family members will receive information regarding:

- The Title I Schoolwide Program
- ESSA requirements
- Parent rights under Title I
- School-Parent Compact
- School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- District Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- Parent Right-to-Know Letter
- Teacher Qualification requirements
- Title I instructional programs and services

## **2. Flexible Meeting Opportunities**

Dana Street Elementary will provide multiple opportunities for parent participation throughout the school year.

Examples include:

- Annual Title I Meeting (Open House)
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (Afternoon and Evening)
- Parent Advisory Meetings
- Meetings requested by parents or teachers
- PBIS Family Events
- Read Across America Activities
- Literacy and Mathematics Family Nights
- Virtual meetings when appropriate

### 3. Ongoing Parent Involvement

Parents and family members will be involved in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in planning, reviewing, and improving the Title I program and Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

Parents will participate by:

- Reviewing annual survey results
- Participating in Parent Advisory Meetings
- Completing surveys and questionnaires
- Serving on school committees
- Providing formal and informal recommendations
- Participating in annual policy and School-Parent Compact revisions

Evaluation results will be used to improve future parent engagement activities.

### 4. Timely Information

Dana Street Elementary will provide timely information regarding all Title I programs.

Parents will receive:

- School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- District Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- School-Parent Compact
- Parent Right-to-Know Letter
- Teacher Qualification information
- Title I program information
- Meeting invitations

Information will be distributed through:

- District website
- Parent Square
- Robo Calls
- Email
- School newsletters

### 5. Curriculum and Academic Expectations

Parents will receive information regarding:

- Pennsylvania Academic Standards

- District curriculum
- State assessments (PSSA)
- Local assessments
- Student achievement expectations
- Progress monitoring

Information will be shared through:

- Annual Title I Meeting
- Parent Workshops
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- School website

## 6. Parent Participation in Educational Decisions

Dana Street Elementary will provide parents opportunities to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.

Parents may participate through:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Child Study Meetings
- Parent Advisory Meetings
- School committees
- Parent surveys
- Meetings requested by parents

The school will respond to parent recommendations as soon as practicable.

## 7. Building Staff Capacity

Dana Street Elementary will educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, paraprofessionals, principals, and other staff regarding:

- The value of parent engagement
- Effective communication strategies
- Building positive school-family partnerships
- Working with parents as equal partners
- Coordinating parent engagement programs
- Culturally responsive family engagement

Professional learning opportunities include:

- ACT 48 Professional Development
- Faculty Meetings
- Luzerne Intermediate Unit training
- State Parent Advisory Council (SPAC)
- State-required professional development

## 8. Building Parent Capacity

Dana Street Elementary will help parents understand:

- Pennsylvania Academic Standards
- State and local assessments
- Student progress monitoring
- Title I requirements

- Strategies for supporting learning at home
- Educational technology

Parents will receive assistance through:

- Literacy workshops
- Mathematics workshops
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Parent Advisory Meetings

## 9. School-Parent Compact

Dana Street Elementary will jointly develop and annually revise a School-Parent Compact that outlines the shared responsibility of parents, students, and school staff for improving student achievement.

The compact will:

- Be reviewed annually with parents
- Be distributed at the beginning of each school year
- Be available during Title I events
- Be posted on the District website
- Be available in English, Spanish, and additional languages upon request

## 10. Parent Training and Resources

Dana Street Elementary will provide materials and training to help parents support learning at home.

Resources include:

- Parent workshops
- Literacy and mathematics activities
- Educational technology resources
- Grade-level instructional materials
- Family learning strategies

Title I funds may be used, as allowable, to support parent engagement activities.

## 11. Coordination with Other Programs

Dana Street Elementary will coordinate parent engagement activities with other federal, state, local, and community programs whenever appropriate.

Examples include:

- Head Start
- Early Intervention Programs
- Community and School-Based Behavioral Health (CSBBH)
- Community agencies serving families
- Programs addressing special needs
- School-based behavioral supports

## 12. Accessibility

Dana Street Elementary will ensure that all information and school reports are available in a language and format parents can understand.

Translation and interpretation services will be available upon request.

Documents will be translated into Spanish and additional languages as needed.

Meetings will be held in accessible locations, and reasonable accommodations will be provided for individuals with disabilities.

## 13. Participation of All Families

Dana Street Elementary will provide opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of all Title I parents and family members, including:

- Parents with limited English proficiency
- Parents with disabilities
- Parents of migratory students
- Families experiencing economic hardship

Translation services, interpreters, ADA accommodations, and alternative meeting formats, including virtual meetings when appropriate, will be provided to encourage meaningful participation.

## Policy Adoption

This Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been jointly developed with parents and family members of participating children and has been adopted by **Dana Street Elementary School**.

The policy will be distributed annually to all parents of participating students and will be available on the Wyoming Valley West School District website and in the Dana Street Elementary Parent Resource Center.

**Date Reviewed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Adopted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal:** Mr. Jeffrey DeRocco