



Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Mitchell Neilson Elementary invites all families to attend our annual Title I meeting to learn more about the parent and family engagement policy, the school improvement plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Family input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the meeting as well as during the school year. The plan is posted on our school website for families to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual spring survey online (available in written form) to ask families for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement.

This document describes how Mitchell-Neilson will plan and provide family engagement opportunities to support student learning and success at school and at home. It will also outline how our school will educate families on how they can participate in activities and events to support student learning as part of Title I.

How We Support Families

We provide opportunities for families to connect and to engage with faculty and staff in order for them to support student learning and navigate the school system. This includes, but is not limited to: academic family events; communication through Class Dojo, conferences at various times, Skyward, and the school website; access to the curriculum, student learning materials, and student grades; and availability of information in home languages.



2026-2027 Mitchell-Neilson Parent and Family Engagement Policy Goals

- Ensure that all information related to school and family programs, meetings, and other activities is published in a language all families can understand.
- Communicate with all families and the community regularly regarding school-wide events and activities, through phone messages, website, and Class Dojo.
- Provide faculty and staff with professional development opportunities to better support families and students. These include: McKinney-Vento training, school guidance lessons, and trainings on servicing multi-lingual students.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Partner with community stakeholders to improve awareness of activities and events, including pre-school and before and aftercare programs.
- Provide and develop a school compact with families. A school-parent compact is a written commitment that outlines how the entire school community will share the responsibility for improved academic achievement. The compact is viewed and updated annually based on feedback from families, students, and teachers during various events and the annual spring school survey. The school-parent compact is posted on our school website, Class Dojo, and available in the front office.

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School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Mitchell Neilson Schools will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. MNS values the contributions and involvement of families to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes different ways MNS will support family engagement and how families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

What is Title I?

Mitchell Neilson Schools is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging state academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving students' achievement including strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

How is it revised?

Mitchell Neilson will invite all families to attend an annual School Forum this spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, the school improvement plan, our parent compact, and the family engagement budget. The plan is posted on our school website and Class Dojo for families to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask families for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Mitchell Neilson Schools will provide full opportunity for the participation of all parents and family members.

Where is it available?

The Mitchell Neilson Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be posted on the school website and shared on Class Dojo. Families can also request a copy of the plan in the front office. The MCS District Parent and Family Engagement Policy can be found at www.cityschools.net in the Federal Programs tab under Departments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Room Meetings and Fall Title I Meeting
August 20
- Reading in Schools Day
September 11
- MTSU Math Night
September 22
- Parent Teacher Conferences
November 3
- Trunk or Treat
TBD
- Book Character Parade
TBD
- Holly Jolly Night
December 10
- Parent Teacher Conferences
March 11
- MTSU Literacy Night
TBD
- Spring Title I Meeting
TBD
- Parent University
TBD
- Primary Fairy Tale Ball
TBD
- Culture Night
TBD