



School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

School Year 2026-2027

To support every student's academic growth, *(School Name)* receives Title I, Part A funding. As part of this program, we work together with families to create a **Parent and Family Engagement Policy** with a shared commitment to student achievement.

This policy outlines how we'll collaborate with parents and caregivers to meet the goals of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Section 1116. It will be:

- **Developed and agreed upon together** with families of participating students
- **Shared in clear, easy-to-understand language**—and translated when possible
- **Available to the community** on our website and updated regularly to reflect your needs

The policy sets expectations for how we'll engage families and describe specific activities that support meaningful involvement in your child's education.

We believe that **strong partnerships between schools and families lead to student success.**

Stay connected, get involved, and help shape the future of our school community!

Riverside School understands that Parent and family engagement is about building strong, two-way communication between families and schools. It means working together to support student learning and school success. This includes:

- **Helping children learn:** Parents and families play a key role in supporting their child's learning at home and in school.
- **Being involved at school:** Families are encouraged to take part in school activities and stay connected with what's happening in their child's education.
- **Partnering in decision-making:** Families are valued partners in shaping their child's education and may be invited to join school committees or give input on important decisions.

Riverside School agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by ESSA Section 1116:

A. ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

Riverside School will host an annual meeting at a convenient time for families. All parents and guardians of participating students will be invited and encouraged to attend. During the meeting, we will share important information about:

- The Title I program and how it supports student learning
- What Title I mean for families
- The school's policy on parent and family engagement
- The schoolwide improvement plan
- The agreement between the school, parents, and students (school-parent compact)

B. FLEXIBLE NUMBER OF MEETINGS

Riverside School will offer a flexible number of family engagement meetings based on the current OPHAS level, as described in Part A. These meetings will be scheduled at times that are convenient for families, such as in the morning or evening. If the state is at OPHAS Level 1, Title I funds may be used to support participation by providing services like transportation, childcare, or home visits, if these services are connected to family engagement efforts.

The following activities will be offered to families during the 2026-27 academic year:

- Meet and Greet – August 2026
- Open House – September 2026
- Monthly PTC Meetings – September 2026 through May 2027
- Scholastic Bookfair – September 2026
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – October 2026, February 2027, April 2027
- Winter Holiday Shop – December 2026
- One School One Book – March 2027
- Field Day – May 2027
- In Class Activities – August 2026 through May 2027
- Middle School Dances – October 2026, February 2027, May 2027
- Promotion Ceremonies – May 2027
- House System Activities and Celebrations – September 2026 through May 2027

C. JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Riverside School is committed to actively involving parents and families in meaningful and consistent ways. Together, we will plan, review, and improve our Title I, Part A programs — including shaping our school's parent and family engagement policy and developing our schoolwide program plan. Your voice matters, and your partnership helps us build stronger schools and brighter futures.

Utilize an online communication system (i.e. Class Dojo or a similar program) and ensure that all Riverside families are connected. Each educator will post a minimum of one time per week. This will keep families informed about what is happening in the classrooms. Administration will utilize said online communication system to message families privately as well as use the School Story to keep families informed about important events and information school wide. Riverside has an active Instagram account to ensure families, scholars, and the greater community are aware of our programming. We also send out a newsletter on the 15th and 30th of every month.

D. COMMUNICATION

- Riverside School will provide **families, caregivers, and community members** of participating children with timely and accessible information about programs under Title I. This includes:
- A clear description and explanation of the curriculum being used,
- The types of academic assessments used to measure student progress,
- The achievement levels aligned with the challenging State academic standards, and
- Opportunities—upon request—for regular meetings where families and stakeholders can offer suggestions and actively participate in decisions related to their children's education. We will respond to such suggestions as promptly as possible.
- Information about school programs, family and community engagement activities, and related meetings will be shared in a format that is understandable and consistent. Alternative formats will be provided upon request, and, to an extent practicable, in languages that families and caregivers can understand.

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E. DISSENSION PROCESS

Riverside School will submit any comments/concerns to the CMSD Office of Family and Community Engagement if the schoolwide plan and/or parent and family engagement policy is not satisfactory to parents and family members.

Any comments/concerns can be emailed to the Executive Director of Family and Community Engagement, Tracy Hill, at tracy.hill@clevelandmetroschools.org.

F. SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Riverside School will collaborate with parents and families of enrolled students to co-create a School-Family Compact. This shared agreement will outline how families, educators, school staff, and students will work together to support academic success. It will highlight each partner's role in helping children meet the state's high academic standards and explain how the compact will be used, reviewed, and updated regularly to reflect our shared goals and progress.

Riverside's Parent Compact is always developed with the input of the PTC. We will review this at the first PTC meeting, which will be held in August. This meeting is used

to set the family calendar for the year and activities that the PTC will help support. All events are posted on our online communication system and uploaded to our website.

G. BUILD CAPACITY OF PARENTS

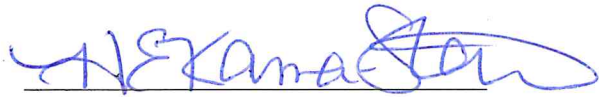
- Riverside School will be committed to empowering parents and families as essential partners in their children's education. Through meaningful collaboration, we aim to strengthen family engagement and build lasting connections between home, school, and community to support student success. Our efforts will include:
- **Providing accessible materials and interactive training** that help families support their children's learning at home. This includes literacy development, responsible use of technology (including awareness around copyright practices), and other tools that promote active family involvement.
- **Offering clear and supportive guidance** to help families understand key educational topics, such as:
 - State academic content and achievement standards
 - State and local assessments, including alternate assessments
 - Title I, Part A requirements
 - Strategies for monitoring student progress
 - Ways to collaborate effectively with educators to enhance student achievement
- **Partnering with families to educate school staff**—including teachers, support personnel, principals, and leaders—on the value of family contributions. Together, we'll explore best practices for communication, collaboration, and inclusive engagement that treat families as equal partners in education.
- **Integrating family engagement efforts across programs**, including federal, state, and local initiatives such as public preschool. We'll also support family resource centers and provide materials that encourage and celebrate family participation in every aspect of their child's educational journey.

H. ACCESSIBILITY

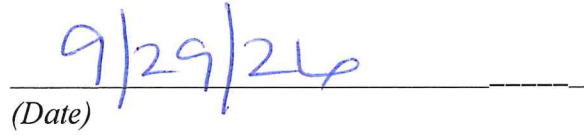
Riverside School will be committed to ensuring that all parents and families—regardless of language, ability, or background—have meaningful opportunities to participate in their children's education. Whenever possible, we will provide information, including school reports required under Section 1111, in formats and languages that are accessible and understandable to all caregivers, including those with limited English proficiency, disabilities, or who are part of migratory communities.

This School Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents and families of children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

This policy was adopted by the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and will be in effect for the period of (School Year). The school will distribute this policy to all parents and families participating in Title I, Part A children on or before September 25, 2026.

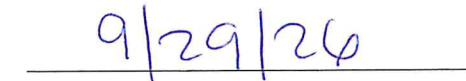


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