

CLEVELAND
METROPOLITAN
SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
School Year 2026-2027

To support every student's academic growth, **Joseph M. Gallagher** 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!

Joseph M. Gallagher 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.

Joseph M. Gallagher agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by ESSA Section 1116:

A. ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

Joseph M. Gallagher 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)

- **Title 1 meeting will be held during Open House September 2026. We will share the following Agenda:**
- **Introduction of Administrative Team and Staff**
- **Review Title 1 Police and Parent Compact**
- **Discuss New Procedures and other important information.**
- **PBIS Rewards Matrix of Expectations**
- **Share PBIS and other Communication APP**
- **Review of TGRG updates**

B. FLEXIBLE NUMBER OF MEETINGS

Joseph M. Gallagher 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 school will hold monthly and quarterly meetings. FCE meetings and Family Academic and PBIS/SEL Activities:

- Starting in October of 2026 and throughout the school year.
- October 1, 2026, - 10:00 am
- December 4, 2026, -10:00 am
- February 5, 2027, -10:00 am
- April 9, 2027, -10:00 am

C. JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Joseph M. Gallagher 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.

- The FCE committee will meet monthly to discuss methods to increase parent involvement.
- The FCE will develop a survey to get parent feedback on things they want our school to consider (e.g. training for parents and others).
- The FCE will meet to discuss successes and areas of growth.
- Events and information will be shared on our Joseph M. Gallagher website, via IVR flyers, newsletter and personal phone calls.

D. COMMUNICATION

Joseph M. Gallagher 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.

Communication strategies will include:

- Flyers and IVR will be translated into other languages
- Communication will be translated to parents during our meetings
- Parents will receive a monthly newsletter. It will be posted on our JMG website
- We will parent night events such as: Academic Night, Math and Literacy Nights, Parent Meetings with our Parent Ambassador

E. DISSENSION PROCESS

Joseph M. Gallagher 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

Joseph M. Gallagher 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.

Our Parent Compact will be developed by our FCE Committee. It will be presented to parents during different parents' meetings, posted on our website, sent home to parents, and posted in our school Main Office.

G. BUILD CAPACITY OF PARENTS

- Joseph M. Gallagher 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.
 - Meet and Greet
 - Open House
 - Father's Walk
 - Family Nights
 - Awards Assembly
 - Parent Teacher Conferences
 - Monthly and Quarterly FCE Committee Meetings (3rd week of each month if possible)
 - School Meetings
 - Parent Meetings
 - Multicultural Programs
 - High School of Choice support Family Eveny
 - PBIS-SEL Rewards Programs
 - Curriculum Night Events (e.g. review new curriculum, programs, TGRG updates)

H. ACCESSIBILITY

Joseph M. Gallagher 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

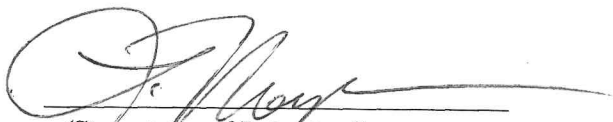
school reports required under Section 1111, in formats and languages that are accessible and understandable to all caregivers, including those with limited English proficiency, disabilities, or who are part of migratory communities.

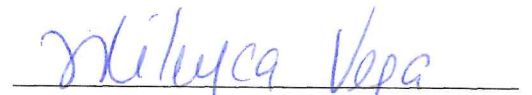
- Bilingual Instructional Aides will support with translation of reports, ETRs/IEP meetings, flyers, and IVR messages and phone calls to parents.
- Parent Ambassador will be part of the SST Team, IEP team, PBIS Rewards Team, and Parent Volunteer Program to support and provide resources to families in need.

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.

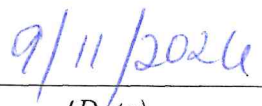
- This policy was developed by our FCE Committee, Administrative Team, and Parent Ambassador.

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 2026.


(Signature of Principal)


(Signature of Parent/Caregiver Leader)

(Date)



(Date)



Family School Compact School Year 2026-2027

Joseph M. Gallagher, scholars participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, agree that this compact outline how the family, the entire school staff and the scholar will share the responsibility for improved scholar academic achievement as well as describe how the school and families will build and develop a partnership that will help scholars achieve the state's high standards.

School Goals

Schools will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction and do so in a supportive and effective learning environment. Schools will also provide engagement strategies outlined in the Academic Achievement Plan.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held during the district recommended dates.

Parents will be provided an Electronic Gradebook account to access their students' progress, grades, attendance and assignment completion.

Teachers, Families, Scholars – Together for Success

The Classroom

Parents are welcome to volunteer in classrooms and cafeterias. They will be allowed to attend special classroom events. Parents will be invited to participate in our AAP and FCE meetings to plan school events and receive student progress information.

Administrators and Teachers will communicate with families using the Electronic Gradebook, Remind, Class Dojo, and use other school communication strategies.

Contact will be established and maintained through conferences, Open House, informal conversations, IVR and Report Cards.

At Home

Ways in which parents and families will support their scholar's learning:

- Monitoring attendance (virtual and in person)
- Consistently reviewing school website
- Creating a schoolwork space at home
- Making sure that homework is completed.
- Promoting positive use of scholar's extracurricular time
- Staying informed about my scholar's education and communication with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district
- Participate in parent teacher conferences, Academic Nights, and sport events
- Mail and responding, as appropriate.

Scholars

Ways in which scholars will support their academic achievement:

Do homework every day and ask for help when needed.

Read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time.

Prepare, attend, and participate in virtual and in person instruction.

Take care of and be responsible for any technology needed to stay fully engaged in instruction.

Give to parents or the adults responsible for scholar welfare all notices and information received from school every day.