

Durant Road Elementary Title I Family Engagement Policy 2026-27

Policy Engagement: The voices of our families are important, and we want your feedback. In order to hear from you all regarding our Title I Family Engagement Policy we will:

- Provide you information about being a part of a Title I school during our first General PTA/Parent Information Night on 8/24/26.
- Send a copy of the policy home, with a form where feedback can be provided.

Shared Responsibilities for High Student Achievement: The shared responsibility expectations are reflected and presented in our Home-School Compact.

Building Capacity for Engagement: Supporting both our families and staff in growing their capabilities for engagement is crucial to our success. In order to ensure this happens, we will:

- Encourage all families to attend Meet the Teacher to begin establishing relationships
- Provide Opportunities for families and community members of Durant Road Elementary School to collaborate with teachers about student progress, communicate regularly with staff, and learn "SOAR" expectations.
- Provide professional development to our staff that is responsive to the results of the annual Title I Family Panorama Survey.
- Be flexible in communicating with families, including but not limited to: emails, telephone calls, personal conferences, Talking Points, weekly learning/newsletter updates via Talking Points, and Monday folder.
- Hold Quarter 1 and Quarter 3 conferences with families either in person or virtually.
- Encourage families to attend monthly Parent Engagement/PTA events in person or virtually.
- Have a **Family Engagement School Improvement Committee**, which will be the body that guides the work of family engagement at Durant Road Elementary. We commit to this being a committee with a diverse set of voices at the table. If you are interested in joining, please contact Michelle Thompson at mpthompson@wcpss.net
- Collaborate with **PTA** to align efforts in order to most effectively support school improvement.
- Host meetings/events on the following dates/times:
  * Meet The Teacher- July 28, 2026
  * Parent Information Night/General PTA Meeting- August 24, 2026
  * Quarter 1 Conferences- Dates set by teachers
  * Spooky Readers and Writers & Trunk or Treat Event- October 30, 2026
  * Camp Durant- Math/Reading/STEAM/Student Led Conferences- March 23, 2027
  * NC Under The Stars- May 20, 2027

Accessibility: In carrying out Family Engagement, all opportunities need to be accessible to parents of limited English proficiency and parents of students with disabilities. Family Engagement Meetings/Events will be designed to include flexible meeting times along with translation when possible.