



Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

School Year 2026-2027

Revision Date 09/22/2026

As a Title I, Part A recipient, **Bates Middle School** jointly develops this policy with families to establish expectations for engagement and implement required activities under ESSA Section 1116.

The school agrees to involve families in ongoing planning, periodically update this policy, provide information in understandable formats, adhere to statutory definitions of family engagement, and agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

- **Jointly Developed**

Bates Middle School will involve families in an organized, timely manner in planning and improving Title I programs and respond to suggestions promptly.

- **Annual Title I Meeting**

Bates Middle School will hold an annual meeting to explain the Title I program, requirements, policies, and the home-school compact.

- **Communications**

Bates Middle School will provide timely Title I information, flexible meeting times, and communications in understandable languages/formats.

- **Home-School Compact**

Bates Middle School and families will jointly develop a compact outlining shared responsibility for student achievement and state standards.

- **Reservation of Funds: Bates Middle School** will involve families in decisions regarding the 1% reservation of Title I funds for engagement activities.

- **Coordination of Services**

Bates Middle School will coordinate engagement programs with other federal, state, and local programs, including preschools.

- **Building Capacity of Families**

Bates Middle School will help families understand standards, assessments, and Title I requirements, providing materials and training to improve student achievement.

- **Building Capacity of School Staff**

Bates Middle School will train staff on working with families as equal partners to build ties between home and school.

Bates Middle School will provide other reasonable support for family engagement activities under Section 1116 as parents may request.

I certify that I have read and understood the school family engagement policy.

Student Name (Print): _____

Parent Name (Print): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____