Saucon Valley School District
Saucon Valley Elementary School
2026-27 Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy
Adopted: August 20, 2026

Introduction

In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Section 1116, Saucon Valley Elementary School affirms its commitment to engaging families as essential partners in student success. This Parent and Family Engagement Policy outlines how families will be involved in school planning, programs, and decisions in meaningful, ongoing, and two-way communication.

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1. Annual Title I Meeting

Saucon Valley Elementary School will convene an annual meeting for all families of Title I students at a convenient time to:

- Share the school's Title I status and purpose
- Explain the requirements and family rights under Title I
- Encourage involvement in planning and decision-making

This meeting is held during **Back to School Night**, and information is shared through:

- Student handbooks
- Right-to-know letters
- Parent communication platforms
- In-person events such as meet & greets and conferences

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2. Flexible Meetings

To ensure access for all families, meetings are offered:

- During the School Day
- In the evening (e.g., *Family Literacy Night*)
- Throughout the year via family events
- As a Recording, with permission of participants, to allow for ease of access for parents

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3. Ongoing Involvement in Planning and Improvement

Families are included in the planning and review of:

- This Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- The Schoolwide Program Plan

Feedback is collected through:

- Feedback forms
- Scheduled meetings with administration and staff

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4. Timely Information on Title I Programs

Saucon Valley Elementary School shares timely Title I updates through:

- Parent communication apps
- Bilingual flyers and documents
- Email and school newsletters (removed phone calls)
- Saucon Valley School District website

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5. Curriculum, Assessments, and Achievement Standards

Families are informed about academic programs, assessments, and achievement expectations through:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Curriculum nights and family academic events
- IEP meetings (as applicable)
- Classroom-level communications

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6. Parent Input and Decision-Making

Upon request, Saucon Valley Elementary School provides regular opportunities for families to share input and engage in decisions related to their child's education. These include:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences and IEP meetings
- Family engagement events with feedback sessions
- Surveys and one-on-one communications

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7. Feedback on Schoolwide Plan

If the Schoolwide Plan is not satisfactory, parents may provide written comments. Opportunities include:

- Direct outreach to administration

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8. School-Parent Compact

A School-Parent Compact is jointly developed with families and outlines:

- The shared responsibility of students, parents, and staff
- Strategies to support academic achievement
- Expectations for parent-teacher communication

Distribution and feedback methods include:

- Back-to-School Night discussions
- Parent events and conferences
- Digital sharing via school platforms
- Scheduled parent meetings

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9. Helping Families Understand Standards and Progress

Parents receive support to understand academic standards and track student progress via:

- Back to School Night
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Literacy and math night
- Informational Sessions (live or recorded)
- Quarterly Progress Reports
- Individualized education plan (IEP) meetings

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10. Materials and Training for Parents

The school provides resources to help parents improve student learning, including:

- Literacy and math night
- Workshops on technology use and online learning tools
- On-line videos on accessing and using math and literacy resources, as well as assessments (ex. DIBELS, MAP)
- Communication pertaining to state assessments

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11. Educating Staff on Family Engagement

Saucon Valley Elementary staff are trained, with parent input, in family engagement through:

- Annual Title I and family engagement training
- Professional development in communication and cultural responsiveness
- Ongoing communication support through translation tools

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12. Coordination with Other Programs

Saucon Valley Elementary School coordinates with other educational programs to support family engagement, including:

- Kindergarten transition activities
- Local library collaboration
- Community college and university partnerships for family education

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13. Clear, Accessible Communication

The school ensures that all communication with families is:

- Provided in their preferred language
- Available in multiple formats (print or digital)
- Accessible to those with disabilities or special needs
- Supported by translation apps and bilingual staff when needed

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14. Inclusion of All Families

To the extent practicable, Saucon Valley Elementary School ensures informed participation of all families, including:

- Providing translated documents and interpretation services

- Offering support for families with limited English proficiency
- Ensuring accessibility for families with disabilities

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This Parent and Family Engagement Policy is reviewed and updated annually with parent input and is made available in multiple formats and languages upon request.