ST. MARTIN PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT
2026-2027
Parent and Family Engagement Plan

This plan will be developed and decided upon with the families of children participating in St. Martin Parish Title I schools and supports School Board Policy SMPSD which is on the SMPSD website: https://www.saintmartinschools.org/

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

The St. Martin Parish School District agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

A. The St. Martin Parish School District Parent and Family Engagement Plan was developed and decided upon with parents/family members of children participating in SMPSD Title I schools.

B. A faculty/staff member from each campus will represent the school as the Parent and Family Engagement facilitator. District personnel will work with facilitators and school administrators to ensure that schools have coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to plan and implement effective parent and family engagement activities that improve student academic achievement and school performance' District supports includes providing presentations for families and school faculties, material resources and educational materials.

C. Parent and family engagement strategies will be coordinated and integrated to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other relevant federal, state, and local laws and programs including Pre-K, Migrant, Special Education, English Learners, Homeless, Foster Care, Homebound, and others.

D. The Parent and Family Engagement Plan, will be developed and decided upon with the parents/family members of children participating in SMPSD Title I schools, will be reviewed in the **second** semester by members of the Parent and Family Engagement Advisory Council, and electronically throughout the year on the district website. All feedback received will be considered and kept for review.

- At each of the three Parent and Family Engagement Advisory Council meetings (October, January and May), barriers to greater participation by parents/families in activities authorized by this section will be reviewed. Parents/family members also may advise of barriers via a link on the district website.

- Participants at each of the three District Family Advisory Council meetings will be surveyed for their needs to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers, and suggestions of strategies to support successful school and family interactions.

E. The findings of barriers to parent/family participation, parent and family needs to assist with the learning of their children, and suggested strategies to support school and family interactions will be considered in designing evidence-based strategies for more effective parent and family engagement, and to revise, if necessary, the parent and family engagement plan described in this section.

F. A Parent and Family Engagement Advisory Council will occur annually with representation of a minimum of one or guardian, who are non-fulltime, non-school-based employees, from each Title I school in the district.

-Schools with Urgent Intervention Required labels from the Louisiana Department of Education are required to have a minimum of one FAC member be a stakeholder in the sub-group with the UIR label. This is strongly encouraged for Urgent Intervention Needed labels but not required.

For SMPSD, a school is eligible to become a Title I schoolwide program when the poverty level, determined by the October 1 economically disadvantaged student counts, indicates a school poverty percentage at or above 40%. The council will meet three times with a flexible number of meetings at different times, to help develop/revise the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and provide two-way communication with other families. Virtual meetings and/or presentations may occur.

ACTIVITIES

The St. Martin Parish School District **agrees** to implement the following statutory requirements:

A. The St. Martin Parish School District will address understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards (inclusive of those standards for students with disabilities and English language learners), state and local academic assessments, and how to monitor a child's progress in the district Parent and Family Engagement Advisory Council meetings, and support, assist, and document school level family workshops addressing the same topics.

B. The St. Martin Parish School District will provide materials and training to help families work with their children, specifically but not limited to those students who are identified as academically at risk, such as literacy training and using technology in the district Family Advisory Council meetings, and support, assist, and document school-level parent and family workshops addressing the same topics.

C. The St. Martin Parish School District will provide training in the value and utility of contributions of families, how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with families as equal partners to the team of school facilitators from each Title I school in the district. The district will support, assist, provide materials, and document schools as they provide the mandatory faculty/staff training on the same topics.

D. The St. Martin Parish School District will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies with other federal, state, and local programs by hosting events by the district for migrant families, presenting trainings to EL families, incorporating materials in various languages as available, and collaborating resources with Special Education, Homebound and Foster Care. The district will also support, assist, and document school-level family workshops and activities addressing various topics.

E. The St. Martin Parish School District will ensure that information related to school and parent and family engagement is sent to the families in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the families can understand. Examples of parent/family communication will be collected from all Title I schools.

F. The St. Martin Parish School District will provide and document reasonable support for family engagement activities as families may request.

G. The St. Martin Parish School District will inform families of the Louisiana Statewide Family Engagement Center which has goals of increasing Louisiana's statewide infrastructure, empowering and supporting families, supporting educators, and increasing student wellbeing. Information about the center can be located at: https://www.lasfec.org/

APPROVAL

This Parent and Family Engagement Plan will be developed jointly with, and agreed on with, families of St. Martin Parish students participating in Title I, Part A programs.

This plan was reviewed by members of the District Parent and Family Advisory Council beginning October 14, 2026 with final review/revision on October 26, 2026. This plan will be in effect for the period of one academic year. The LEA will distribute an electronic copy to parents and/or guardians whose children attend a Title I, Part A school on or before November 6, 2026.

Mr. Frederick Wiltz,
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St. Martin Parish School District

November 4, 2026
Date