

Family & Community Engagement Policy

2024-2025



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What is Family and Community Engagement?



There are three influences in a student's life: family, school, and community. When there is an effective partnership among family, school, and community, every student succeeds.



Core Beliefs

- Share Decision Making
- Welcome all Families
- Advocate for Every Child
- Support Student Success
- Communicate Effectively
- Collaborate with the Community



After you have read the Family and Community Engagement Policy, please open the below link or use the QR Code to share your input or comments.



<http://forms.gle/LUbwARru3xAPVFn9A>



Newport News Public Schools encourages all families to provide input and feedback on the Family and Community Engagement Policy.

This policy includes contributions collected from stakeholders that participated in various experiences. This policy was adopted by Newport News Public Schools in November 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.

What is Title 1 Part A

Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides federal funding to Newport News Public Schools to support the needs of educationally at-risk students. ESSA allocates funds to states and school districts, specifically targeting schools with the highest concentrations of students from low-income families. Title I serves approximately 12.5 million students in both public and private schools across the United States. Newport News Public Schools will implement programs, activities, and procedures to promote family engagement in accordance with Section 1116 of ESSA. These initiatives will be developed and operated through meaningful discussions with families of participating students.

Part I: General Expectation and Objectives

A. Involve Parents and Family Members

- **Collaboration with Families:** Our school will work with families to create and revise the Family and Community Engagement Policy. The finalized policy will be shared with families and made accessible to the local community.
- **Distribution:** Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) will distribute the Title 1 Family and Community Engagement Policy electronically. Printed copies will also be available at each school's main office, the Family Resource Center, and on the NNPS Family Engagement and Community webpage at www.nnschools.org/face/. The policy is available in both English and Spanish and can be translated into additional languages upon request to ensure all families have access to important information.

B. Build Capacity

- Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) aims to build capacity in family and community engagement by implementing several key strategies outlined in the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Framework that foster stronger partnerships, enhance skills and create supportive environments for families and communities to engage meaningfully in schools.

C. Family & Community Engagement Framework

- Share Decision Making
- Welcome all Families into the School Community
- Advocate for Every Child
- Support Student Success
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Part I: School Family & Community Engagement Policy/Plan Components



D. Collaboration

- Families play an integral role in the development and continuous improvement of the schoolwide program plan and policy. To ensure meaningful participation, families will have the opportunity to review the plan and policy, provide feedback, and collaborate with key stakeholders. This feedback will be gathered and shared with the district, Title I schools, and other relevant parties to guide decisions that impact the educational experience of Title I students.
- To ensure that all voices are heard, families can submit their feedback in a variety of ways. Feedback can be directed to any of the following individuals: Director of Youth and Family Engagement, Coordinator of Family and Community Engagement, Building Administrator and Family and Community Engagement Specialist

E. Evaluation

- Newport News Public Schools is committed to strengthening parental and family engagement through evidence-based strategies. As part of this commitment, the district will regularly evaluate the effectiveness of current engagement practices and identify areas for improvement. If necessary, the Family and Community Engagement Policy will be revised to better align with the evolving needs of Title I students, families, and schools.



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F. Involve Families in School Activities

- To strengthen this partnership, our Family Engagement Action Team (FEAT), which consists of family members, teachers, specialists, stakeholders, and PTA members, will collaborate closely with the school's leadership team. Together, they will work on the develop, revise and review the Family and Community Engagement Policy. The policy is aimed at enhancing the educational experience for all students. Parents and family members will have the opportunity to engage in reviewing, and ongoing improvement of the family and community engagement policy, ensuring their voices are heard and that their feedback directly influences school and division-wide initiatives.

G. Outreach to English Learner (EL) Families

- To better serve our EL families, the school will offer a variety of resources and services designed to support both parents and students through key services such as:
- **Interpretation Services:** To facilitate communication, the school will offer interpretation services for meetings, conferences, and school events, ensuring that language is not a barrier to participation.
- **ESL Classes:** English as a Second Language (ESL) classes will be offered to parents to help them improve their own language skills, empowering them to engage more effectively with their children's education and navigate the school system.
- **Support from Bilingual Specialists:** Bilingual specialists will be available to provide additional assistance to EL families, offering guidance on school programs, academic standards, and strategies to support their child's language development and overall academic progress.
- **United Language Group:** The school will also partner with the United Language Group to offer additional support services, such as professional interpretation and translation, to further assist in meeting the needs of EL families.

Part II: Adoption



This Local Educational Agency (LEA) Family and Community Engagement Policy has been developed in collaboration with the parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs. The policy reflects the input and agreement of parents, as demonstrated by the meeting held on [insert date of meeting], where the policy was discussed and finalized.

The policy was formally adopted by Newport News Public Schools on December 2, 2024, and will be in effect for the 2024-2025 school year. To ensure that all families are informed, the LEA will distribute this policy to the parents of all participating Title I, Part A students on or before December 20, 2025. This distribution will help ensure that parents have access to important information about the school's family and community engagement efforts and how they can be involved in supporting their child's education.

State and Federal Information

VDoE School Quality Profile for NNPS: <http://schoolquality.virginia.gov/schools>

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