

### **Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

East Allegheny School District 2025-2026

The Title I parent and family Engagement section of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Section 1116(b) requires each Title I district to develop a written plan and engagement policy that details the ways for carrying out the requirements of Section 1116. The East Allegheny School District ensures that any information that is related to school and parent/family programs, meetings, newsletters and any other activity are sent to parents in a format that parents can understand and in ways that those who have a limited English proficiency will understand.

The policy will be:

- Developed jointly with and agreed upon by parents/family members if Title I students.
- Written in an understandable format and provided to families in a language they can understand.
- Distributed to all family's members of Title students in multiple ways, such as, meetings, events, newsletters, emails, website, conferences and Google classroom.
- Updated annually to meet the changing needs of parents, family members and the school.

## The East Allegheny School District will involve parents/families in the planning, review and improvement of the Parent Engagement Policy.

- In the fall and spring of each year, parents will be given the ability to provide their input in the development of the Title I plan by completing a survey each year. The results from the survey will be used for the betterment of the program when planning activities, needs of parents to better assist their child in learning and ways to supports successful school and family interactions.
- All families are encouraged to participate in all family engagements meetings and events, which can be conducted in person or virtually. Opportunities will be provided for those families with a limited English-speaking ability, with disabilities and for those who require sign language interpreters.
- To the best of the district's ability information will be provided in a uniform and understandable format and for those who would need translation.



**EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT** 1150 Jacks Run Road, North Versailles, PA 15137 Phone: 412-824-8012 | Fax: 412-824-1062

# The East Allegheny School District will conduct and annual meeting at convenient time/day that most accommodates parents.

- all parents and families shall be invited and encouraged to attend.
- To inform parents of their school's participation in Title I,
- To explain the requirements and the rights of parents.

## The East Allegheny School District will offer flexible meetings during the school day or in the evening, one in the fall and one in the spring.

- Will involve parents in an organized and timely way to plan, review and improve the Title I Parent and Family Engagement policy.
- The first meeting will take place in the spring to be implemented in the 25-26 school year.
- Information and updates will be provided in a timely manner. Policies, updates and other information will be added to the school's website. <u>www.eawildcats.net</u>
- Information will be communicated vis the students Google classroom, newsletter, and email invites. A parent may request a two-way communication regarding their student's education. Al requests shall be honored as practicably possible.

The East Allegheny School District provides parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum, forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the challenging academic standards. These topics will be discussed during the Back to school/Open House meetings. This will allow parents to be given the opportunity to speak directly with the teacher regarding the grade level curriculum and supports. The administration will be available to provide an overview of the districts Title I program.

The East Allegheny School District will involve parents and family members in the joint development of the Schoolwide plan under section 1114 per (ESSA 1116 (5)

The school-parent compact will be jointly developed with parents and family members. The compact will outline how parents, entire staff and students will share in the responsibilities for academic achievement, build and develop a positive and encouraging partnership between parents and the school that enables children to succeed at the state's high standards. The compact shall:

- describe the school's responsibility to provide a high-quality curriculum, supportive and
  effective learning environment in a way that each parent can be responsible for supporting their
  child's learning, suggestions include volunteering in their child's classroom, participation, as
  appropriate in the decision-making related to the child's education and extracurricular activity.
- Address the utmost importance for the communication between teachers and parents in a continuous fashion., at a minimum:



#### **EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

1150 Jacks Run Road, North Versailles, PA 15137 Phone: 412-824-8012 | Fax: 412-824-1062

- Parent teacher conferences/meetings annually where the compact will be distributed and discussed.
- Reports, calls and emails where parents will be notified of their child's progress. Accommodations will be considered for parents with no access to the internet.
- Reasonable access to staff, meaningful communication in a language that the family can understand.

The East Allegheny School District will, at the best of their ability, provide materials and trainings to help parents work with their children to improve their child's achievement. Trainings may include the use of technology; STEM related and provides newsletters and other literature on strategies to help a student.

The East Allegheny School District will provide trainings that focus on instructional support for personnel and other staff and with the assistance of parents. How to work with parents and family members to better communicate, work as equal partners and orchestrate programs. These opportunities can be supported by professional development trainings or through the State Parent Advisory Council.

The East Allegheny School District will, if appropriate and feasible, coordinate parent involvement programs with other federal, state and local programs, including preschool programs, Head Start and local family Centers to encourage and support family members to participate in their child's education and other activities. Parents are encouraged to attend PTO events, local sponsored activities, curriculum nights and academic recognition ceremonies

The East Allegheny School District will ensure the school level and district engagement activities, that the stakeholders and LEA determine, are appropriate, useful and consistent with the East Allegheny School Districts Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

Sincerely, Joseph Dilucente, Superintendent of Schools jdilucente@eawildcats.net 412 824-8012 ext. 4151

(Revised 5/5/2025)