

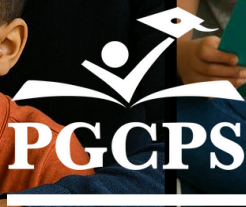


Prince George's County Public Schools



Parent & Family Engagement Policy

The ESSA and Title I Office values the parents and families of Prince George's County Public Schools.
If you have questions or comments, please contact the Title I Office at (301) 618-8390



What is Title I?

Title I is a federally funded program under the **Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)**, reauthorized by **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**. Its purpose is to ensure **all students have access to a fair, equitable, and high-quality education**, while working to close achievement gaps.

PGCPS uses Title I funds to:

- Provide extra academic help in reading, math, and other core areas
- Support professional learning for teachers
- Offer instructional resources
- Strengthen family and community partnerships

These funds **supplement** (add to) what schools already provide—they do not replace existing services.

Our Commitment to Families

We believe that **families are essential partners** in a child's education. When schools and families work together, students thrive. All Title I schools will:

-  Welcome and encourage parent and family engagement in school activities and planning
-  Provide information and training to help families support learning at home
-  Communicate in languages parents understand whenever possible
-  Share timely updates on student progress and school programs
-  Listen to parent concerns and feedback through both formal and informal methods
-  Include parents in decisions that impact the school community

What the ESSA & Title I Office Will Do

The PGCPS **ESSA & Title I Office** will...

- Include families in decision-making by:
 - Sharing surveys, hosting forums, and collecting feedback at events like Back-to-School Fairs
 - Inviting feedback on the Title I Strategic Plan, Family Engagement Policy, and budget
 - Host Parent and Family Engagement workshops
- Collaborate with other programs such as:
 - Head Start/Judy Centers
 - Special Education (SPED)
 - English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
 - To plan joint events, offer support services like interpreters, and build family connections across programs
- Host an **Annual Title I Orientation** to explain the Title I program and family rights
- Support schools in providing:
 -  Flexible meeting times
 -  Translated materials in English, Spanish, and other languages
 -  Clear, accessible documents and online resources

- Offer workshops and training for:
 -  Educators to strengthen family engagement practices
 -  Parents to help support student learning at home
- Provide tools and staff support to help Title I schools implement their Parent and Family Engagement Plans
- Guide schools on building **strong two-way communication** with parents as equal partners
- Lead the **Title I Parent-Family Advisory Council**, ensuring parents have a voice in districtwide decisions

Why Parent & Family Engagement Matters

Research shows that when parents and families are engaged:

- Students earn higher grades and test scores
- Students attend school more regularly
- Behavior and social skills improve
- Schools experience stronger community trust and support

This policy ensures that **your voice matters** in shaping your child's education. Together, we can build strong schools, thriving students, and empowered families across Prince George's County. For questions or more information, contact the **ESSA & Title I Office** at (301) 618-8390.

We'd Love Your Feedback!

Input on the PGCPs SY26 Title I District Parent & Family Engagement Policy

Directions: Families may complete this feedback form and return it to your child's school **OR** [complete it electronically](#).

 1. Parent/Guardian Full Name: _____

 2. Child's Full Name: _____

 3. School Name: _____

4. How well do you understand the purpose of Title I based on the District Parent & Family Engagement Policy?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Somewhat well
- ☐ Not very well
- ☐ Not at all

5. The policy explains how families can be involved in their child's education.

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree

6. How likely are you to participate in parent engagement opportunities offered through Title I?

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Likely
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Unlikely
- ☐ Very unlikely

7. What topics, trainings, or resources would you like to see offered to support you and your child?

8. Do you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the Title I Parent & Family Engagement Policy or how we work with families?

9. Would you like someone from the ESSA & Title I Office to follow up with you?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please provide your preferred contact information below:

 email: _____  phone: _____