



Harford County Public Schools 2024-2025 Family Engagement Plan



Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) believes in a strong partnership between the schools, communities, and families. The Title I Family Engagement plan is completed to build a strong and effective system of family engagement in HCPS. The goal is to break down barriers to allow greater participation from our families. This plan is jointly developed with all stakeholders to build a strong and effective system of family engagement in HCPS.

In addition to the commitment and expectations found in the Parent & Family Engagement Plan and the Harford County Public School's Parent & Family Engagement Policy and Regulation, the Title I Office agrees to implement the Title I law requirements as documented in the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Together, HCPS Title I is committed to supporting you as partners in your child's education. Here's how we can work together:

Building capacity by helping to understand the academic standards your child should meet, how assessments work, and providing guidance on monitoring your child's progress. Resources and training will be offered to empower you to support your child's learning journey.

Partnering with families, our school staff will work hand in hand with you to ensure you are equal collaborators in your child's education.

Connecting our parent engagement initiatives with other local, state, and federal programs, such as the Judy Center and Community Schools, wherever possible.

Communicating important information about school events and programs in a clear and understandable manner, taking into consideration your preferred language.

Supporting your needs, as requested. It is our mission to ensure all parents have access to participate in our programs.

HCPS Supports Strong Effective Parent & Family Engagement.

...HCPS Title I will build parent capacity by...

Ensuring parents are provided with a list of parent and family engagement workshops offered at various times and days of the week. These workshops provide families with home-support materials and strategies to support their child. With the support of the Title I Office, an annual meeting will be held to keep parents informed about the roles and responsibilities of Title I and the parent's right to be involved. Additional opportunities for family engagement include:

- Learn with Me Events
- Reading Workshops
- Sharing Parent Academy Workshops

Supporting families in the school improvement process by ensuring they are invited to work with the School Performance and Achievement (SPA) team.

Communicating regularly about school programs, and student progress in a frequent and timely manner. Families can expect to receive communication through:

- Newsletters
- Text Messages/Class Dojo
- Email
- Language Link
- Phone Calls

Collaborating with families to jointly develop:

- The School-Parent Compact
- The Parent and Family Engagement Plan
- The School Performance and Achievement Plan

Providing families opportunities to provide input on how Title I funds should be used at the district and school level through family engagement events and surveys.

Maintaining partnerships with community agencies to continue an effective system of support for families. Our community partners include:

- Harford Community Action Agency
- Harford County Education Foundation

The Title I Parent and Family Engagement plan is developed, agreed upon, and distributed to parents and family members of participating children. Annual surveys are conducted to improve the quality of the plan and the initiatives within the plan.

If you have suggestions on how we can improve the 2024-2025 Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan. For district feedback, contact the HCPS Title I Coordinator, Chelsea Davies, at Chelsea.Davies@hcps.org. For feedback at the school level, please contact the building principal.

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Sharing valuable tips on how parents and families can get involved in our school community. Our team will provide guidance on how to effectively engage families in their child's education.

Collaborating with other programs like the Judy Center and Community Schools to offer tailored support for families and communities.

Ensuring all communication sent to families is clear and accessible on all our online platforms. We maintain high levels of accessibility for all parents by:

- Offering a variety of meeting times
- Maintaining flexibility with the number of meetings and they day they occur
- Providing interpretation services as requested
- Translating documents

...HCPS Title I will partner with the community by...

Providing materials, training sessions, and resources from various groups to educate families about the many opportunities available.

Collaborating with the McKinney Vento Liaison and other community organizations to ensure families in need have strong supports. Some important partners in this work include:

- United Way
- Harford County Health Department
- LASOS, Inc.
- Harford Community Action Agency