

ALLEGANY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TITLE I
PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN
General Expectations

The Allegany County Public School System's Title I Office will plan and support programs, activities, and procedures for involving parents in all schools that implement a Title I program. The plan outlines the efforts to involve parents and build capacity for both parents and educators alike in forming a strong partnership to promote the educational goals that support high academic expectations for all students. To support this plan, the Title I Office will:

1. Involve parents in jointly revising the Title I Parent Involvement Plan which is part of Allegany County's Master Plan.
 - At least annually, invite parents from each Title I school to review, provide feedback, and revise the district-wide Title I Parent Involvement Plan.

2. Provide coordination and technical assistance to schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student achievement and school performance:
 - Hold monthly meetings with the Parent Involvement Coordinators and school administrators to support the implementation for parent activities.
 - Visit each school regularly to assure that their school-level parent involvement plans are being implemented and provide technical assistance as requested.

3. Provide assistance to parents in understanding Maryland's academic content and student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, Title I requirements as well as how to monitor a child's progress and to work with educators to improve student achievement.
 - Maintain and update ACPS website including information on Title I <http://acpsmd.org/domain/105> , state academic content and achievement standards <http://acps.schoolwires.net/Page/522> , and state and local assessments <http://acps.schoolwires.net/cms/lib07/MD01907365/Centricity/Domain/47/08.%20The%20Partnership%20for%20Assessment%20of%20Readiness%20for%20College%20and%20Career.pdf> .
 - Include the NCLB Title I requirements in an ACPS Title I newsletter distributed in September.
 - Distribute information regarding the Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium, Inc. (MAEC)
 - Post copies of the Allegany County Public Schools Title I Parent Involvement Plan at each school and on the district's web pages for parents to view. <http://acpsmd.org>

4. The Title I Office, in coordination with the parent involvement coordinators, will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement:
 - At least annually, administer the Title I Parent Interest Survey to help identify and design workshops that encourage and support parental involvement.
 - The ACPS website provides tips for parents on how to support student learning at home.
 - Annually provide information to parents regarding regional conferences on parent involvement.

- During the year, offer parent outreach activities at varied times (day and evening) focused on reading, math, science, social studies, and/or technology.
 - Conduct or assist schools with information sessions to inform parents of PARCC and provide materials on how to support learning at home.
5. Educate instructional staff, with parental assistance, of the contributions of parents and on how to reach out and communicate with parents as equal partners:
 - Analyze data from the Title I Parent Interest Survey to identify suggestions for professional development topics for faculty and staff on how to communicate with and work with parents as equal partners.
 - Each school's Title I Parent Committee comprised of parents and educators will discuss ideas for faculty meetings that support communication and partnerships between parents and teachers.
 - Parent Involvement Coordinators will share with school faculty on a regular basis information related to parent involvement.
 - Involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training.
 6. At least annually, coordinate with the Judy Center, Allegany County Library System, and/or Allegany Health Department on parental involvement programs and activities.
 - Judy Center provides information to parents on literacy, child development, nutrition, and community services.
 - Head Start provides information and activities for parents as well as joint registration for prekindergarten children.
 - Allegany County Health Department provides information to parents regarding community services.
 7. Written communication will be provided to parents, to the extent possible, in a language and format they can understand and translated appropriately.
 8. Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
 9. Maximize parental involvement and participation in their children's education by arranging school meetings at a variety of times or conducting telephone conferences between teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children and parents who are unable to attend those conferences at school.
 10. Utilize each school's Title I Parent Committee to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs.
 11. Title I schools conduct a midyear parent involvement survey to evaluate the effectiveness of the school's Parent Involvement Plan. Parent Involvement Coordinators make an effort to personally contact parents who are limited English proficient or who have limited literacy to assist with the survey. Survey results are shared with faculty in order to guide revision to the school's parent involvement plan.