



Portsmouth Public Schools' Title I grant supports student academic achievement and helps all students in schools receiving Title I funding meet the objectives of the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) and abide by the guidelines within *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA).

To ensure this goal is met, a partnership with families is essential. The Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy encourages the active engagement of all families as partners with schools receiving Title I funding to ensure student success. Portsmouth Public Schools will leverage the Title I grant to promote family engagement through the following efforts.

The Title I Division Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) shall be established, consisting of representatives from each school receiving Title I funding. The DPAC shall be comprised of parents/guardians of students served in Title I schools. Representatives shall attend DPAC meetings and report back to the school.

**The Portsmouth Public Schools agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:**

- A. **Involve parents and family members** in jointly developing the division's Title I, Part A plan under section 1112, and the development of school support and improvement plans under section 1111(d).
- B. **Provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary** to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools within Portsmouth Public Schools in planning and implementing effective parent and family engagement activities. These activities must improve student academic achievement and school performance, which may include collaboration with employers, business leaders, and community organizations, or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents and family members in education;
- C. **Coordinate and implement** parent and family engagement strategies to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs;
- D. **Conduct**, with the meaningful engagement of parents and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of all schools served under this part, including identifying—
  - Barriers to greater participation by parents/families in activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background);
  - The needs of parents and family members to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers; and
  - Strategies to support successful school and family interactions;
- E. **Use the findings of such evaluation** to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental and family engagement, and to revise, if necessary, the parent and family engagement policies described in this section; and

- F. Involve parents in the activities of the schools**, which may include establishing a parent advisory committee made up of parents or family members served by Portsmouth Public Schools to adequately represent the needs of the population. This advisory committee will help develop, revise, and review the parent and family engagement policy.
- G. Implement an effective means of outreach to parents of English learners**, in a language the parents can understand, to inform them regarding how they can—
- be involved in the education of their children; and
  - be active participants in assisting their children to—
    - attain English proficiency;
    - achieve at high levels within a well-rounded education; and
    - meet the challenging State academic standards expected of all student

## Division-wide events

### September

- September 1<sup>st</sup> Title I Kick off to Kindergarten
- September 27<sup>th</sup> National Grandparents Month/ Grandparents & Seniors Popcorn Social /  
Sponsored by Community Agents
- September 29<sup>th</sup> DPAC Meeting

### October

- October 8<sup>th</sup> Title I Parent Center Open House
- October 19<sup>th</sup> Title I Computer Class/ Basic computer skill classes for parents/Partnering  
with the Adult ED Dept. 5:00pm- 6:30pm
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> National Bullying Prevention Month/ Partnering with the Office of Youth  
Risk Prevention

### November

- November 17<sup>th</sup> Division Military Family Stem Night & Healthy School Market Distribution  
/Sponsored by Norfolk Naval Shipyard & FoodBank of Southeastern VA &  
the Eastern Shore

### December

- December 1<sup>st</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Division Toys for Tots Salvation Army Toy Drive
- December 8<sup>th</sup> Title I Family Winter Coat Express & Community Resource Event/  
Sponsored by Community Agents
- December 15<sup>th</sup> DPAC Meeting

### January

- January 26<sup>th</sup> Interactive Mystery Reading Night /Partnering with the Reading & English  
Dept. /3<sup>Rd</sup> Grade

### February

- February  
1<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Parents for Success Academy/Life skill building classes for parents/  
Partnering with Community Agents
- February 28<sup>th</sup> Title I School Supply Drive-Thru Event/ Sponsored by Mercy Drops Dream  
Center

### March

- March 2<sup>nd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Title I Math Madness Basketball Night/Partnering with the Math Dept.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> DPAC Meeting

### April

April 20<sup>th</sup> Title I Explore the Planets Night/ 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade/Partnering with the Science Dept. & Back Bay Amateur Astronomers

**May**

May 6<sup>th</sup> Division Float Over Fear 3K Family Color Run  
May Kindergarten Transitional Workshops

**June**

June 8<sup>th</sup> Title I Summer Resource Fest/ Sponsored by Community Agents  
June 15<sup>th</sup> DPAC Meeting

**Part III, Adoption**

This Title I Division Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs as evidenced by agenda from the meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_.

This policy was adopted by ***Portsmouth Public Schools*** on \_\_\_\_\_ and will be in effect for the period of **one year**. The school Division will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before \_\_\_\_\_.

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***Parent Engagement Specialist***

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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***Title I Coordinator***

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Committee Members**

