
CHESTER COUNTY

Jr. High School
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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Chester County Jr. High receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop, agree on, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy. The policy shall be agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means of carrying out the requirements of The Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA) Section 1116. Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of the parents and the school. The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describe how the school will implement a number of specific parental and family engagement activities.

Chester County Jr. High understands that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents and families in regular, and meaningful two-way communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, to ensure:

- Parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- Parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- Parents and families are full partners in their child's education and are included in decision-making and advisory capacities to assist in the education of their child

Chester County Jr. High agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by ESSA Section 1116:

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

On Thursday, August 1, Chester County Jr. High will conduct an annual meeting and encourage all parents of participating children to attend. The nature of the program will be to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation, as well as the parents' rights to be involved.

FLEXIBLE NUMBER OF MEETINGS

Chester County Jr. High will conduct meetings throughout the year at varied and convenient times for families, such as meetings in the morning or evening.

Scheduled meeting for the 2019-2020 school year are:

- Back to School meeting - a back to school meeting will be held to share the opportunities to work with educators to improve student achievement. A variety of communication opportunities will be outlined, such as google classroom, social media, all calls, and apps that keep families updated about what is happening in the classroom. An alternate meeting will be offered during school for families who could not attend the evening session.
- Summit Learning - Families will be invited to learn about Summit Learning, the learning program our 6th and 7th grade is using this year. Also, appointments will be taken for families who can't attend one of the times available.
- Science Showcase- Families will be invited to attend our school science Showcase in the fall. The Science Fair will take place during the evening. Student's will display and explain their science projects.
- Testing Information Meeting - Families will be invited to learn about how they can optimize their child's school experience and help CCJHS meet our testing goals. We will go over testing data from 2018-2019 and set goals for our current year.
- Awards Day - In May, families will be invited to join our students and staff during the school day to celebrate the growth and success of their children. Awards will be presented by content area teachers, activity teachers, and administrators. Awards will be given for achievement, perseverance, growth, and leadership. Awards will exemplify Eagle Pride.

JOINT DEVELOPMENT

Chester County Jr. High will actively involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the school-wide program plan.

Prior to the 2019-2020 school year, a Family Engagement Team consisting of parents/families, teachers, and administrators will be selected. The team will be informed of their parental rights to be involved in the development of a Family Engagement Plan, which will be reviewed and revised at the beginning of the school year. The plan will be posted to the school's website and shared through social media.

CCJHS 2019-2020 Parent and Family Engagement Team Members

Christy McManus, Family Engagement Coordinator

Belinda Anderson, Principal

Wes Murphy, 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher

Chastity Harris, 7th Grade Science Teacher

Tanya Harwell, 6th Grade ELA Teacher

Renee Croom, 7th Grade ELA Teacher

Christie Pennington, 7th Grade Math Teacher

Davis Parten, Physical Education Teacher

Jacob Miller, Special Education and 7th Grade Math Teacher

Marilyn Davis, ESL Teacher

Hope Butler, Parent

Rogelio Salvador, Parent

Robin Salvador, Parent

Karissa Conner, Parent

Jud Davis, Parent

Leanne Davis, Parent

Mark Barber, Chester County Chamber of Commerce

COMMUNICATION

Chester County Jr. High will provide families of participating children timely information about programs under Title I, including:

- a description and explanation of the curriculum in use
- forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress
- achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards
- upon request, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicable possible.

It is expected that teachers send a syllabus home with standards/objectives, activities, assignments, and events.

The remind app is used for parent communication for class, school, and county information.

Information related to programs, meetings, and other activities, will be sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

DISSENSION PROCESS

If the schoolwide plan and/or parent and family engagement policy is not satisfactory to parents, Chester County Jr. High will submit any comments/concerns to Chester County School District Superintendent's office.

Additionally, any comments/concerns can be emailed to the Director of Federal Programs, *Randle Fenimore*, at randle.fenimore@chestercountyschools.org or phone at 731-989-5134.

SCHOOL-PARENT/FAMILY COMPACT

Chester County Jr. High will take the following actions to jointly develop a school-parent/family compact.

The compact will:

- outline how the school staff, family, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.
- describe the school's responsibility in providing high quality instruction and curriculum.
- describe the family and student responsibility for supporting the learning process.
- address responsibility of teachers and school to provide families reasonable access to staff, updated progress of students, and opportunities to volunteer in the school.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

Chester County Jr. High will build the family's capacity for strong family involvement, ensuring effective involvement of parents and families and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement. Assistance will be provided to families of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:

- the State's student academic achievement standards:
 - Open House - standards included in presentation
 - Post links to standards on school website
 - Monthly newsletter organized by Family Engagement Coordinator
 - online resources - link standards
- the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments:
 - Open House - discuss common assessments
 - Understanding TN Ready Reports in monthly newsletter when we receive the reports
 - Testing information meeting
 - Assessment schedule available on district and school website
- the requirements of Title I, Part A:
 - Annual Title I meeting
 - Online resources - posted on our schools website parent involvement tab

- how to monitor their child's progress:
 - Open House - Synergy portal information
 - All Calls from principal
 - progress reports
 - CASE assessment data
 - Family/Teacher Conferences
- how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their students:
 - resources provided by literacy and math coaches
 - Google Classroom as a platform to share material related to improving craft
 - monthly PLCs
 - a series of six PD opportunities for teachers in September and October

ACCESSIBILITY

Chester County Jr. High in carrying out the family engagement requirements of this part, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunity, for the participation of parents and family members (including parents and family members with limited English proficiency, parents and family members with disabilities, and parents and family members of migratory children), including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 in a format, and to the extent practicable, in a language such parents understand.

Family volunteers are encouraged to work within the community to garner support for Open House, Family Teacher Conferences, and various other family events. Quarterly surveys will be sent to families to gather input regarding topics of need and to identify barriers to family participation. Family and community persons will be made aware of the Family Engagement Meeting through resources such as newsletters, social media, and the school website.

ADOPTION

This school parent and family engagement policy has been developed jointly and agreed on with parents and family members of children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

The policy was adopted on September 2, 2019 and will be in effect for the period of the 2019-2020 school year. The school district will make this policy available to all families of participating Title I students on or before September 15, 2019.