

A SUMMARY OF THE MPS 2018-2019 PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY



What is Title I?

Title I is the nation's largest assistance program for schools that provides supplemental resources to economically disadvantaged schools to support the achievement of its students. It is a federal program to help all students get a good education and meet academic standards.

Title I funds are used to upgrade the entire school's educational program so that the overall education of ALL children who attend the school can be improved. All children enrolled in the Title I school, including those with disabilities and children with limited English proficiency, are eligible to receive Title I services.

HOW WILL MPS BUILD CAPACITY FOR PARENTS?

- ◆ Title I schools will convene an Annual Title I meeting to inform parents of their rights to be involved in their child's education. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.
- ◆ Parents will be invited to serve on school-wide committees such as the Parent Advisory Council and the Annual Continuous Improvement Plan (ACIP).
- ◆ Title I schools will offer a flexible number of meetings for parents to keep them informed about how to be involved.
- ◆ Parents of students enrolled in Title I schools may request information about their child's teacher qualifications.
- ◆ Title I schools will distribute information in a language parents can understand using a variety of communication methods including newsletters, flyers, the school website, and the automated phone system.
- ◆ Title I schools will involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parental involvement policy, the parent-school compact, and any other school-wide programs.
- ◆ At a minimum, Title I schools will provide frequent reports to parents on their child's progress, reasonable access to staff, and opportunities to volunteer and participate in school activities.



For questions regarding Title I, contact Gloria Odutola, Federal Programs Director, at 334-223-6916.

Goals of Title I

- ◆ Increase academic achievement
- ◆ Provide direct instructional support to students
- ◆ Provide professional development to teachers
- ◆ Promote parent education and involvement in activities

How Will Title I Help My Child?

If your child qualifies for help, the Title I program will provide extra educational assistance beyond the regular classroom. In most cases, these additional services may include all or some of the following services:

- Smaller classes or special instructional areas
- Additional teachers or instructional assistants/tutors
- Opportunities for professional development for school staff
- Extra time for teaching Title I students the skills they need
- Extended day academic and enrichment services
- An individualized program for students
- Additional teaching materials for the regular instructional program

A copy of the Parent Engagement Policy can be found on the school's website. A hard copy of the policy will be made available upon request.