

# TITLE I Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2020-2021

## Rationale and Purpose

Families and school must join together to form a lasting partnership that will direct the efforts of both parties toward the education of children. Recognizing that parents are the child's first teachers, and that schools should continue to enhance the education process, we can produce educated citizens, prepared to take their place as decision makers of tomorrow. To develop such a partnership, The Promise Academy at Harrison Elementary School is committed to the provision of clear communication with families, creating an atmosphere and providing real opportunities for families to become more involved in their child's education.

## Implementation

The Promise Academy at Harrison Elementary School's Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be implemented in the following manner:

- A. Families will be invited to an annual meeting where they will be given an opportunity to learn about the Title I School wide Program, to meet the staff to receive information, and ask questions. Families will receive information through newsletters, conferences, online DOJO, and meetings.
- B. Families will be encouraged to attend other flexible meetings where training, materials, child care, and transportation, if needed, will be available. Families with disabilities will be given the opportunity to participate fully. The following topics will be covered: the school curriculum, all assessment results, school report card, state and national standards and goals. In addition, families will be called upon to offer their expertise and suggestions.
- C. A school-home compact, designed by school staff and parents will describe how families, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improving student achievement. This compact will be given to families during conferences or parent meetings.
- D. Families will be invited to attend at least three parent/teacher conferences per year.
- E. Joint planning will occur to integrate Title I parent engagement strategies with those of the Harrison Healthy Kids Clinic and the Family Resource Center.
- F. An ongoing outreach to families will be conducted through faculty, staff and written communication sent home with children. Families with limited understanding of English will be given assistance as needed.
- G. Families will receive useful information and tips through newsletters and booklets. Parents will be assisted in locating community resources as needed.
- H. School wide needs assessment and evaluation for the purpose of planning, reviewing programs, and improving parent engagement will be conducted in conjunction with the Harrison Healthy Kids Clinic at least once a year.