

Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2026-2027

Discovery Regional High School



What is Family Engagement?

Family engagement refers to the participation of parents and family members in their children's education and in the school community. It is built on a strong home-school connection and mutual respect. For Discovery Regional High School, family engagement encompasses:

- A. **Active Parent Participation:** Encouraging parents to be actively involved in their children's learning at home and at school.
- B. **School Involvement:** Inviting families to participate in school events, decision-making processes, and volunteer opportunities.
- C. **Home-School Partnership:** Fostering a collaborative relationship between parents and school staff to support student success.
- D. **ESSA Activities:** Engaging families in activities that support the goals of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), such as understanding academic standards, assessments, and school improvement efforts.

About the Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Discovery Regional High School (DRHS) is deeply committed to fostering strong and meaningful partnerships with parents and families. We believe that when families and schools work together, students achieve greater academic success and develop into well-rounded individuals. This Parent and Family Engagement Plan is designed to:

- Outline the strategies DRHS will use to involve parents and families in their children's education.
- Meet the requirements of Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Establish clear expectations and communication channels for a mutually supportive school-parent partnership.

Jointly Developed

This plan has been developed with meaningful input from parents and families. Key activities include:

- **Comprehensive Needs Assessment Meetings:** These meetings, held in March-April, provide an opportunity for parents to share their perspectives on school performance and family engagement needs.
- **Parent Surveys:** Regular surveys distributed to parents allow for feedback on various aspects of the school and their child's education.
- **CLIP Submission:** Input gathered from these engagement activities informs the development and submission of the Schoolwide Continuous Improvement Plan (CLIP).

Strengthening Our School

To ensure the effectiveness of family engagement strategies, the DRHS Federal Programs Director will provide ongoing technical assistance and training to school staff. This support will focus on:

- Understanding the importance of family engagement.
- Developing effective communication and collaboration strategies with families.
- Implementing best practices in family-school partnerships.

Reservation of Funds

As required by Title I, a portion of Title I funding is reserved for implementing and supporting parent and family engagement activities. These funds are allocated to support programs, resources, and training aimed at enhancing the home-school connection and improving student outcomes. Budgets are developed in consultation with parents to ensure resources are used effectively to meet identified needs.

Opportunities for Meaningful Parent Consultation

Discovery Regional High School provides numerous opportunities for parents and families to consult with the school and participate in decision-making:

- **School Comprehensive Needs Assessment Meetings:** March-April 2027
- **Electronic Input Opportunities:** October 2026, January, and March-April 2027
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Throughout the school year.
- **Parent Advisory Council Meetings:** Regular meetings to discuss school initiatives and policies.

Building Capacity

Of Parents:

DRHS is committed to providing parents with the information and resources they need to support their children's learning. This includes:

- **Information about the Title I Program:** Understanding the goals and benefits of Title I.
- **Academic Standards:** Insights into the grade-level academic expectations.
- **Assessments:** Explanations of state and district assessments and how to interpret results.
- **Parent Portal Training:** Guidance on utilizing the online Parent Portal for accessing grades, attendance, and communication.
- **Resources:** Access to a variety of educational resources and workshops.

Of School Staff:

To ensure staff are equipped to effectively engage families, DRHS will provide:

- **Minimum of Three Staff Capacity Trainings:** Focused on best practices in family engagement, cultural competency, and effective communication.
- **Translation and Interpretation Services:** To ensure meaningful participation for parents and families with limited English proficiency.
- **Development of Welcoming School Environments:** Training and resources to create an inclusive and supportive atmosphere for all families.

Parent and Family Engagement Evaluation

The effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan will be evaluated annually through a variety of methods:

- **Parent Surveys:** Distributed in October, January, and March-April to gather feedback on engagement activities and satisfaction.
- **Needs Assessment Meetings:** Discussions and feedback from these meetings will inform program adjustments.
- **Analysis of Participation Data:** Tracking attendance and involvement in family engagement events.
- **Feedback from School Staff:** Gathering insights from teachers and administrators on the impact of engagement efforts.

Accessibility

Discovery Regional High School is dedicated to ensuring that all parents and families can participate fully in school activities and decision-making. We provide:

- **Support for Parents with Limited English Proficiency:** Translation services for documents and meetings, and bilingual staff as needed.
- **Support for Parents with Disabilities:** Ensuring physical accessibility of school facilities and providing materials in alternative formats upon request.

- **Support for Migratory Children:** Outreach and support services to families of migratory children to ensure their educational needs are met.

Mark Your Calendars!

For Parents:

- **Title I Parent Surveys:** October 2026, January 2027, March/April 2027
- **School Comprehensive Needs Assessment Meetings:** March-April 2027
- **Electronic Input Opportunity:** March-May 2027

For Schools:

- **Creating Welcoming Environments Training:** September 2026
- **Building Staff Capacity Trainings:** September 2026, December 2026, February 2027

For more information, please visit our website at www.discoveryregional.org or contact the school administration.