

PCES Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Information about Piney Chapel's Title I Participation

During Open House, the principal conducts a meeting where translators are provided to share information about being a Title I school. The meeting announcement is posted on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook informing the parents about the meeting along with a school wide phone call the day of the meeting. The meeting announcement is also included in classroom newsletters.

Parent Meetings Offered During the School Year

We provide childcare and PTO funded food at our annual scheduled Back to School Cookout, Reading Night, and STEM/Science Fair nights for parents. Our staff does annual summer home visits to the neighborhoods in our community to pass out backpacks with school supplies and popsicles to students. During this visit, we talk to parents and students about the upcoming school year.

Opportunities for Parental Involvement in the Title I Program

Parents are invited to be part of the school's Panther Parent Advisory Council each year. Monthly meetings offer parents an opportunity to visit the school, give input for areas of strengths and growth, and brainstorm possible solutions. Parents are invited to attend meetings to review school data, discuss areas of strength/growth, give input on ways the school can better support the students/parents, and design our school improvement plan. Surveys are distributed for parent input each year, and the results are used for continuous improvement.

Allocation of Parental Involvement Funds

Resources (learning games, books, flash cards) have been purchased and placed in the library that parents are able to check out to work with their child on academic skills at home. Some resources are in Spanish so parents who cannot read or speak English can also become involved with the academic success of their child. Funds are also used for Xerox paper so paper copies can be sent home in English and Spanish.

How Information is Shared with Parents

The Annual Title I meeting offers information about Title I services available at our school. Parent Nights focus on our reading and math curricula along with work samples produced by students. Assessment results are explained to parents during conferences and via videos produced by our reading specialist and shared on social media. For any Title I meeting or parent nights, notices are sent home in English and Spanish. Interpreters are provided for all meetings along with any handouts available in both languages.

School-Parent Compact

The School-Parent Compact is reviewed and updated yearly by the principal and the parent advisory committee. The Compact is sent home in Spanish and English at the beginning of each year; each teacher keeps the returned compacts in a file in the classroom.

Opportunities for Parent Input

The parent advisory committee reviews the Continuous Improvement Plan. It is posted on all social media, parent surveys, and the school's website. Parent surveys are distributed every year and provide parents an opportunity to give feedback.

Opportunities for Building Capacity

- Foster effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among all stakeholders to improve student academic achievement, our school will: provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement. Opportunities for involvement: Back to School Cookout Night, Science Fair and STEM Night, Reading Night, Tinsel Train Nights, Christmas Sing a Long Night, Conferences, Parent Advisory Committee meetings.
- The school shall educate teachers, office personnel, and other school staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school.
- Our school provides materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement. Parent nights offer parents the chance to learn more about how reading and math are taught at school and ways they can help at home. Parent resources are provided to parents along with strategies to use at home to help students.
- The school shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. Shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

Parent Participation Opportunities

Parents are encouraged to become equal partners in the education of their children by attending Cookout Night, Science and Math Night, Reading Night, Tinsel Train Nights, Christmas Sing a Long Night, Conferences, Parent Advisory Committee meetings. We shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.