

Harford County Public Schools 2026–2027 Family Engagement Plan

At Harford County Public Schools (HCPS), we believe families, schools, and communities work best when we work together. We know families play an important role in every child's success.

This Family Engagement Plan explains how HCPS Title I will partner with families during the school year. Our goal is to make sure all families feel welcomed, informed, and included in their child's education.

We believe...

Together, HCPS Title I and Title I schools believe that families are important partners in education. We are committed to working together with families to support student success.

The HCPS Title I Office

The Title I office supports administrators and teachers of each of the Title I schools by providing resources, training and best practices to help families stay involved in their child's education. We support family outreach activities by participating in the planning, attending events, and reviewing feedback from families.

Title I continues to collaborate with various HCPS departments and community programs to ensure tailored support is provided to families within Title I Schools based on the unique needs and requests of Title I families.



Title I Elementary Schools

Each year, schools hold an annual meeting to explain what Title I is, how Title I supports students and schools and the families right to be involved. Throughout the school year, we will provide timely information about school programs.

Family Participation

We are committed to making sure all families can participate in school activities and events. Support may include flexible meeting times, translation and interpretation services, and different ways for families to get involved. Families are encouraged to share ideas and feedback that help school staff learn how to work with parents as equal partners and strengthen family-school relationships to support student success.





School Planning and Decision Making

Families are an important stakeholder in our schools. We encourage families to share ideas and provide feedback about school programs and improvement efforts through surveys, family meetings, and school events. Families will develop and provide input on:

- The School Parent Compact
- The Family Engagement Plan
- The School Performance and Achievement Plan
- How Title I funds should be used at the district and school level



Community Resources

The HCPS Title I Office and the Title I schools connect families with programs and services such as the Judy Center and Community Schools. We also help foster connections with local community organizations that offer valuable services and supports to families. Some of our community partners include:

- Harford County Health Department
- HOPE Center
- Harford Community Action Agency



Supporting Learning at Home

We will provide families with information, resources, and workshops to help support learning at home. Family workshops and activities are planned using parent feedback and input. This may include:

- Understanding grade level expectations, testing and assessments
- How to monitor student progress
- Reading and math strategies for home

Workshops and events will be offered at different days and times throughout the year. This may include:

- Learn with Me Events
- Reading Workshops
- Parent conferences



Communication

Families can expect regular, parent friendly, communication about school events, programs, and student progress. Whenever possible, communication will be in families' preferred language. You can expect communication through phone calls, newsletters and fliers through school folders.

The HCPS Title I School Parent and Family Engagement plan is developed, agreed upon, and distributed to parents and family members of participating children. Annual surveys are conducted with parents and families to improve the quality of the plan and the initiatives within the plan.



Families are encouraged to provide feedback to help improve the plan and family engagement opportunities. For district feedback, contact the HCPS Title I Coordinator, Chelsea Davies, at Chelsea.Davies@hcps.org.