

Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

The Liberty Union Thurston School District is committed to the belief that all children can learn and acknowledges that parents share the school's commitment to the educational success of their children.

We recognize that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family and agree that to effectively educate all students, the schools and parents must work as partners.

We define parent and family involvement as an ongoing process that assists parents and families to meet their basic obligation as their child's first educator, promotes clear two-way dialogue between home and school, and supports parents as leaders and decision makers at all levels concerning the education of their children.

Families and school staff will jointly develop the Title I Parent Involvement Program. Appropriate offerings and practices are offered to enhance parent involvement activities and reflect the needs of the students and families. Our school's parent program will provide a guideline for designing continuing rewarding and beneficial experiences for students, families and staff.

Components of the Liberty Union Elementary Family Engagement Policy include the following:

Parent Involvement

Liberty Union Elementary School

- Parent Compact to be discussed and signed by both family and teacher
- Parent Meeting in first quarter of the school year to inform and discuss
- Parent Communication daily to be signed and returned daily
- Literacy Night to encourage growth in literacy
- Title 1 discussion at monthly PTO meetings to involve parents in the decision-making process
- Parent/Teacher Conferences to inform parents of specific details about each student's progress including:
 - Academic content standards
 - Student achievement standards
 - State and local assessments (including alternate assessments)
 - Monitoring student progress
 - How to work with your child's teacher(s) to increase achievement
- Parent Surveys administered annually in the spring for planning purposes for future school year
 - <https://ccip.ode.state.oh.us/DocumentLibrary/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentKey=1053>

Liberty Union Middle School

- Information for parents to understand and to become involved with the Title 1 program will be distributed in our fall *Back to School* newsletter.
- Annual School-Parent Compact meeting will allow parents to have input into how the Title 1 funds would be utilized.
- Beginning of school Open House event will offer information to parents about Title 1 and will have the date for our annual meeting.

Decision-Making Process

Liberty Union Elementary School

- Annual Parent Meeting in October. All parents are invited to discuss Title 1 spending and for training in reading strategies for home support.
- Monthly PTO meeting agenda item to involve parents in the decision-making process

Liberty Union Middle School

- All families are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the spring Annual Parent Title 1 meeting to gather feedback for how funds will need used in the upcoming school year.

Communication with Families Who are Not Native English Speakers or Disabled

Liberty Union Elementary School and Middle School

- Interpreters for the native language/ASL will be provided through connection with the Lau Center <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/English-Learners/Lau-Resource-Center>
- Written communication will be translated into native language using a computer program or by using the “Shared Google Site” of documents provided by Lau Center and the ODE
- Verbal translators provided by Lau Center
 - LAU RESOURCE CENTER
 - (P) 614-466-4109
 - lau@education.ohio.gov
- Our school website offers a link to Title 1 funding information and has accessibility features built in, such as ability to enlarge print for visually impaired.
- District *One Call* phone, email, and text communication system has the capability to translate our daily school messages and all other pertinent Title 1 information to the correct language of a parent.

Separate/Supplemental Activities for Title 1 Families Only

Liberty Union Elementary School

- Literacy Night is offered to only Title 1 families

- Annual Meeting which includes discussion about the decision making process as well as training for how to help students learn is offered only to Title 1 families

Liberty Union Middle School

- At school events, such as Open House, Math Games Night, or Parent Conferences the trained staff will present information just related to the Targeted Assist parents, such as Math strategies to use at home.

The Liberty Union Thurston School District is committed to family involvement and engagement. Family involvement is an ongoing process that assists parents in working with their children at home and makes them feel part of the school community. We recognize the importance of families being the first educators their children will encounter. We will continue to promote two-way communication between home and school. Valuing the importance of the role of all parents, we will ask for their input as leaders and decision makers in our schools.