

# School Parent and Family Engagement Policy School Year 2024-2025

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, <u>John Marshall School of Civic & Business Leadership</u> receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a parent and family engagement policy (written or posted on school website), agreed on by such parents and family members, that shall describe the means of carrying out the requirements of The Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA) Section 1116. Parents and family members shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents and family members can understand. Such a policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of the parents, family members, and the school. The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parental and family engagement activities.

John Marshall School of Civic & Business Leadership understands that parent and family engagement mean the participation of parents and families in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- · Parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- Parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- Parents and families are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child

John Marshall School of Civic & Business Leadership agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by ESSA Section 1116:

## A. ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

John Marshall School of Civic & Business Leadership will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents and family members of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents' and family members requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent and family compact.

The Title I Meeting will be held during the schools Open House in the Month of September 2024.

#### **B. FLEXIBLE NUMBER OF MEETINGS**

John Marshall School of Civic & Business Leadership will offer a flexible number of engagement meetings in accordance with the OPHAS level as outlined in Part A at convenient times for parents and families, such as meetings in the morning or evening (for which the school may use Title I funds to provide transportation, childcare or home visits, as such services relate to parent and family engagement (if the state's current OPHAS Level is 1).

A parent organization will be established, and meetings will be held quarterly or on an as needed basis and will include rotating schedules to accommodate all families needs.

## C. JOINTLY DEVELOPED

John Marshall School of Civic & Business Leadership will take the following actions to engage parents and families in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan.

Family engagement activities will support Mathematics, SEL and English Language Arts including College and Career Readiness preparation, financial aid and activities for families of students with learning challenges and/or disabilities.

- The School will also host at minimum 2 FAFSA nights and a Senior Parent Nights to outline expectations to parents as their scholars prepare or graduation.
- The school will also host a rising senior night in the spring to give parents information on what their students can expect as seniors for the next year.

## D. COMMUNICATION

<u>John Marshall School of Civic & Business Leadership</u> will provide parents and families of participating children timely information about programs under Title I, including:

- a) a description and explanation of the curriculum in use,
- b) forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress,
- c) achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards, and
- d) if requested by parents and families, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicable possible.

Information related to the school and parent and family engagement programs, meetings, and other activities, will be provided to the parents and families of enrolled children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents and families can understand.

Communication strategies will include the school's website, electronic newsletters, event calendars, school's social media, emails and robocalls.

All communications will be available in Spanish.

#### E. DISSENSION PROCESS

John Marshall School of Civic & Business Leadership will submit any comments/concerns to the CMSD Office of Family and Community Engagement if the schoolwide plan and/or parent and family engagement policy is not satisfactory to parents and family members.

Any comments/concerns can be emailed to the Executive Director of Family and Community Engagement, Tracy Hill, at tracy.hill@clevelandmetroschools.org.

#### F. SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

John Marshall School of Civic & Business Leadership will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents and family members of enrolled children a school-parent and family compact that outlines how parents, families, school, staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standard and how the plan is used, reviewed, and updated.

The School Parent Compact will be available for review in the main office and posted on the school's website.

## G. BUILD CAPACITY OF PARENTS

<u>John Marshall School of Civic & Business Leadership</u> will build the parent and family capacity for strong family engagement to ensure effective engagement of parents and families and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Materials and training to help parents and families to work with their children to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement
- Help parents and families of enrolled children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
  - o the State's academic content standards,
  - o the State's student academic achievement standards,
  - o the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
  - o the requirements of Title I, Part A,
  - o how to monitor their child's progress, and
  - o how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.

- Educate school personnel, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents and families, in the value and utility of the contributions of parents and families, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents and families as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent and family programs, and build ties between parents, families, and the school.
- Coordinate and integrate parental and family engagement programs and activities
  with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs,
  and conduct other activities, such as family resource centers and materials that
  encourage and support parents and families to fully participate in the education of
  their children.

The school will establish a welcoming Parent Resource area. The school will also host the Parent-Teacher conferences and Open House as already scheduled by the district.

Family engagement activities will support Mathematics, SEL and English Language Arts including College and Career Readiness preparation, financial aid and activities for families of students with learning challenges and/or disabilities.

- The School will also host at minimum 2 FAFSA nights and a Senior Parent Nights to outline expectations to parents as their scholars prepare or graduation.
- The school will also host a rising senior night in the spring to give parents information on what their students can expect as seniors for the next year
- The school will also provide freshman orientations to welcome families into the building.
- The school will also host atleast 3 college bus tours to expose students and their families to some of the local options available to them.

#### H. ACCESSIBILITY

John Marshall School of Civic & Business Leadership in carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements of this part, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities, for the participation of parents and family members (including parents and family members with limited English proficiency, parents and family members with disabilities, and parents and family members of migratory children), including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 in a format, and to the extent practicable, in a language such parents/caregivers understand.

All family engagement information, when possible, will be provided to parents and families in their first language and/or available for translation upon request. Parents and families of students with limited English proficiency will have access to a school bilingual staff member for assistance.

This School Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents and families of children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

The School Parent Compact and Family Engagement Policy was developed with school staff and parent leaders (Tarrina Butts).

This policy was adopted by the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and will be in effect for (School Year). The school will distribute this policy to all parents and families of participating Title I, Part A children on or before <u>Monday,September 30, 2024</u>.

Principal's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date

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