



**Section 1116: District Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

The Watertown School District is dedicated to providing opportunities to build and strengthen relationships between home and school to enable all students to succeed in an ever-changing world. The district recognizes parents as active, positive partners in the teaching and learning process. This partnership is one that encourages learning at home and school. The Watertown School District operates on a set of core beliefs and values that provide for a trusting relationship between adults and students.

Goal 1: Provide parents the opportunity to assist in the planning, review and improvements of programs under Title I.	1. The school district will hold an annual public meeting, in the August, which all parents/guardians who have students attending schools receiving Title I programming will be invited. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the program and activities, to receive parent suggestions in the planning, development, and operation of the program. The Title I Director will plan and conduct this meeting.
	2. The school district will appoint a parent advisory committee consisting of staff, administrators, and parents for the purpose of reviewing policies, practices, and programs and giving feedback to the school.
Goal 2: Provide families with activities/workshops/trainings that assist them in improving and supporting their children's learning.	3. This district will distribute a school/parent compact at the beginning of each school year. The school/parent compact identifies the responsibilities for the school, parent, and student to support academic achievement.
	4. Each Title I school will hold at least one additional meeting each year with parents to provide in-service on curriculum and learning activities. Staff members of each building will be responsible for scheduling the meeting and notifying the parents of the meeting. During this meeting, parents and staff will determine activities and training necessary to meet the parent's needs and the use of the 1% set aside money.
Goal 3: Provide opportunities for all families to volunteer and contribute both at home and at school.	5. The school district will provide materials and training to help parents work with their child to improve academic achievement by providing read at home activities, math activities, family literacy nights, and suggested websites.
	6. The school district will provide full opportunities for participation in Title I programs to parents and students with Limited English Proficiency, students with disabilities, and migrant families. The district will ensure any information will be provided in an understandable format.
Goal 4: Provide professional development for staff and parents on how to work together.	7. The school district will inform parents at Title I schools of the Parent Resource Network and how to access information and training provided by this agency.
	8. Child progress reports will be prepared and shared with parents at Title I schools at the end of each grading period. In addition, school personnel will participate in District parent/teacher conferences, held in the fall and spring.
Goal 5: Provide parents the opportunity to assist in the planning, review and improvements of programs under Title I.	9. At the beginning of each school year, parents of Title I schools will be provided a copy of the school's Family Engagement Policy and notification of their right to information regarding the qualifications of their child's classroom teachers.
	10. Annually, in the spring of the year, parents of Title I schools will be asked to complete a questionnaire on parental involvement and the planning, review, and improvements of programs under Title I. Based on the responses from the questionnaire, the Title I Advisory Board will make improvements to the policy or the Title I program as needed.
	11. The school district will submit any parent comments about the LEA Title I plan, if found unsatisfactory, to the Department of Education when the plan is submitted.
	12. The Watertown School District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Title I, Part A with parental involvement strategies with the local Head Start program.

Parents and families can request a print copy of any policy by contacting the District Office at: 605-882-6312.