



School Parent, Guardian, and Family Engagement Policy 2024-2025

Rocky River High School

I. Parent and Family Engagement Policy

A. The following people were involved in developing the policy: David Legrand (Principal), Francine Romain (Assistant Principal), Jeremy Cox (Assistant Principal), Dayanara Nobo (Dean of Students), School Improvement Team (SIT) members (teachers and parents), and PTSA.

B. Participants from the school are administration, SIT, Family Advocate, and PTSA. The policy will be implemented, reviewed, and revised based on need and stakeholder feedback. The policy will be revisited at monthly SIT meetings and as needed at Admin meetings.

II. Annual Information Meeting

A. Rocky River High School held a Title I Parent night in the beginning of October. Multiple communications were sent to parents through Connect Ed, Parent Square, and Instagram. We had 4 Spanish interpreters on site. We also provided headset interpreting for the Title I Parent Presentation.

III. Flexible Meeting Times

A. We have elicited feedback from previous members of the SIT and changed the meeting time to the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:30pm. We will continue to ask for feedback from parents and change the day/time if needed. We will also plan to have family events at a variety of times during the day and on weekends. Other opportunities for parent and family involvement include Senior Parent Night, parent conferences, performances and show-cases, and other school wide events.

IV. Title I Part A Planning

A. We will review the Title I Family Engagement Policy at each SIT monthly meeting. We will reflect on the past events and provide feedback for future events. We will also use the PTSA to gather feedback and complete surveys around parent engagement. Ultimately, we will use parent/guardian, staff, community members, and all stakeholder feedback along with multiple data points to reflect on our family engagement plan and update as needed.

V. Parent Information and Opportunities

A. We will provide parents with timely information about Title I programs via ConnectEd, Parent Square, and Instagram. This information will be translated into their home language in most of the platforms. School performance profiles will be shared during SIT meetings and are also available on our website via NC Report Card. All assessment results will be shared with parents via Power School Parent Portal and also sent home in bi-weekly progress reports and quarterly report cards. The description of the curriculum can be found on classroom Canvas pages and teacher websites; translation is available upon request. Monthly SIT meetings are advertised to ALL parents in the school. It is explained that parents do not need to officially be on the team to attend the meetings for the opportunity to participate in decision making, ask questions, and provide feedback for continuous school improvement. All volunteer opportunities for instructional events during and after school are communicated by our family advocate.

VI. School-Family Compact

A. The school-parent compact has been sent home with students and returned with parent signatures. This was provided in multiple languages. Copies are also given to new students when they register.

VII. Building Parent and Family Engagement Capacity

A. Rocky River High School provides assistance to parents to understand their student's progress with parent nights, parent conferences, and grade updates on Power School. Class syllabi, expectations, and grading plans are distributed to students and parents at the start of the course via Parent Square, hard copy, Canvas, and teacher websites. Parents may also ask the teachers at any time for the information and the teacher will provide it for them. Through Student Services parents are given information for resources to help their students with instructional deficits and future plans. Student Services hosts family information nights virtually and in person to encourage participation. Curriculum nights are also hosted by the teachers and staff to pride families with instructional resources. Teachers are given parent communication tips and resources during professional development sessions (gradebook, ParentSquare, etc.), PLC meetings, and Department meetings. Rocky River High School has many community partners such as Community in Schools and Family First Counseling. Administration and Rocky River's family advocate are working to establish more community partners. All communication sent home via ParentSquare is in the student's home language. Teachers and staff also use our school and district translation services for conferences, flyers, posters, etc.

VIII. English Learners and Disabled Parents and Families

A. Rocky River has 3.5 full time Multilingual Learner teachers and a Bilingual Family Advocate. All communication sent home via ParentSquare is in their home language. We also use our Bilingual Family Advocate to translate flyers posters, etc. Multilingual and disability strategies are shared with teachers during PLC and Department meetings. All workshops and meetings that invite parents will include interpreters.

IX. Parent/Family Requests

A. All activities requested by parents and families will be discussed during SIT and PTSA meetings and feedback from the discussion will be presented to the administrative team for approval.

X. Annual Evaluation

A. At the beginning of the school year, the end of first semester, and at the end of the year the SIT and PTSA will provide feedback for the Rocky River HS Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Updates will be made according to the feedback.

XI. Other Parent and Family Engagement Practices

A. Rocky River High School will involve parents/families in the schoolwide professional development plan during SIT meetings.

B. Rocky River High School will pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent and family engagement activities such as dinner events.

C. Rocky River High School will encourage and offer incentives for parents that recruit other parents to attend SIT and PTSA meetings.

D. Rocky River High School will host family engagement events throughout the school day and in the evening to provide opportunities for all families to be able to attend.