



Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

The Pennsylvania Steam Academy recognizes the shared responsibility of educating our students in partnership with parents, families and community supports. We are committed to encouraging active participation of all stakeholders.

The Following School Policy is to promote parent and family engagement and to assist in the academic success of our learners:

1. The Pennsylvania Steam Academy will hold a parent and family meeting annually to inform parents and families of the school's participation in the Title 1 program. This meeting will discuss the requirements of a Title 1 School, and their rights to be involved. Parents and families will be notified of this meeting through a variety of methods (email, phone and Class Dojo). Meetings will be scheduled on various dates at various times to accommodate all stakeholders.
2. A Parent Advisory Council will be established annually. PAC meetings will be scheduled throughout the year. This council will work to review and evaluate the School and Parent Compact and Engagement policy annually. The Parent and Family Compact outlines the shared responsibility of the staff, students and parents/families in improving school achievement. The parent compact will be shared with all stakeholders, and be distributed to families and published on our website.
3. PA Steam Academy will provide a variety of opportunities for parents and families to meet with staff to offer suggestions and participate in decisions relating to their child's education. This includes but is not limited to parent conferences, open house nights, family educational workshop events and family night activities that bring the school community together.
4. Title 1 funds will be used to pay all reasonable expenses associated with Parent and Family Engagement activities.
5. An annual parent and family survey will be sent to the school community to assess the school's performance. Results of the survey will be shared and discussed with parents and families to help guide future decisions. This is in an overarching effort to improve school programs and staff development.
6. Parents and families will be invited to various workshops at different times throughout the year to offer trainings on Technology, Behavior Management, Academic Support, and any other needs as identified within the context of school performance surveys and feedback.
7. Students will be provided intervention programs throughout the year to improve academic student achievement.
8. PA Steam Academy will provide parents and family an explanation of the curriculum used within the school and the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the state academic standards. Parents and families will be informed of proficiency levels that students are expected to meet. Additionally, we will provide parents with methods in which they can assist at home with their children's academic achievement.
9. All communications to stakeholders will be provided in English and Spanish. We will utilize commercial interpreters and translation services to communicate effectively with our linguistically diverse families.
10. In an effort to increase attendance for Workshops, Open Houses and Events, Meals and babysitting may be offered as a means to remove barriers for attendance.