

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
D. H. H. LENGEL MIDDLE SCHOOL
2020-2021 TITLE I SCHOOL AND PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY
(Pottsville Area School Board adopted 8/18/20, reviewed 5/20/20)

The Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy of the Pottsville Area School District (PASD) is jointly developed in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (*ESSA Section 1116(b)(1)*) with the PASD Title I staff, parents, and family members. Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including:

- Participating in advisory committees to annually evaluate the school policy and design evidence-based strategies for more effective family involvement (*ESSA Section 1116 (c)(3)*)
- Playing an active, integral, and decision-making role in their child's education
- Receiving information about Title I programs, flexible parent meetings, and other school related activities via letters, flyers, phone calls, emails, district website, newspapers, and/or student handbooks
- Requesting information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals who provide instructional services
- Requesting parental input in the appropriation of the Parent and Family Engagement Fund for D.H.H. Lengel Title I sponsored events (*ESSA Section 1116 (6)(e)(1)*)

D.H.H. Lengel Middle School (DHHL) will provide assistance to parents with a description and explanation of the Schoolwide Plan (*under ESSA Section 1114*), curriculum, the types of academic assessments used to measure and monitor student progress, the State's Common Core Standards, and interventions available to increase student success (*ESSA Sections 1116 (5) and 1116 (c)(4)(B)*). DHHL will educate all staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value of building ties between parents and the school staff. DHHL will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement and foster involvement, by:

- Providing books and materials to parents through the building's library and Parent Resource Center
- Offering appropriate computer training and information on educational websites aimed at increasing student achievement
- Informing parents of organizations, such as: PTO, SPAC, PA Department of Education and Internet sites which provide helpful educational information
- Providing strategies for reading and mathematics success
- Making parents aware of their child's progress, strengths, and weaknesses
- Offering parents enrichment and intervention designed to improve their child's performance
- Providing materials, such as: study guides, worksheets, websites, videos, graphic organizers, etc.
- Providing opportunities to attend workshops and conferences at the local and state level
- Working as a team with the instructional support teachers to show parents how to help at home
- Providing transition meetings from Elementary to Middle School and Middle School to High School
- Encouraging parents to attend the following Title I sponsored events, some which may be held virtually: Annual Title I Parent/Guardian Meeting, Back-To-School Night, Title I Table Talk, Title I Trunk-or-Treat, Title I Brain Game, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Orientations, Title I/PTO Sponsored Events and Meetings, Annual Book Fair, Title I Family Fun Night, and Title I Reading Challenge (*ESSA Section 1116 (c)(2)*)

DHHL and the District Core Parent Advisory Committee will conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. An annual needs assessment survey will encourage parental input and suggestions. The findings of the survey will be used to review and revise the existing policy.

A more detailed District Parent and Family Engagement Policy is accessible on the district website.