

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Title I Parent Involvement Policy

Title I uses equitable family engagement practices focusing on meaningful engagement activities in partnership with families. District and school staff commit to using receptivity, transparency, empathy, flexibility, and collaborative efforts to support learning.

Annual Title I Meeting

The Tucson Unified School District will convene an annual meeting during the fall. This meeting will be at a convenient time, to which all families of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend. This meeting can be virtual through zoom or in person to inform families of their school's participation under Title I and to explain the requirements and the right of families to be involved.

School Parent Compact

The school parent compact will be jointly developed with parents and family members. It will outline how all stakeholders, the entire school staff, and students will share in the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

Flexible Meeting Times and Locations

The Tucson Unified School District will expand participation and provide flexibility with meeting dates, such as in the morning or evening, recorded and posted on school/district website, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, childcare, or home visits, related to parental involvement.

Plan for School Improvement

Parents and family members are invited to jointly develop the Integrated Action Plan. District and school personnel will provide the coordination, technical assistance necessary to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, which may include meaningful consultation with employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations, or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents and family members in education.

Annual Evaluation

The Tucson Unified School District with the involvement of parents, will use multiple data sources and conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The District will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.

Meaningful Access

All services developed for families will be made available in a format that is understandable to the individual requesting the information. Translation and interpretation are available upon request.

Parents have the right and responsibility to partner with their child's school. For concerns or complaints

<http://www.tusd1.org/Information/Concerns-and-Complaints>

Dissenting opinions to this policy will be included as an attachment.

Building Parental Capacity-Services are available at schools, virtually or at TUSD family centers

Parenting	<p><i>Help all families establish home environments to support children as students.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent education and other courses or training for parents (e.g., GED, college credit, family literacy). • Family support programs to assist families with health, nutrition, and other services. • Home visits at transition points to elementary, middle, and high school.
Communicating	<p><i>Conferences with every parent at least once a year.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language translators to assist families as needed. • Regular schedule of useful notices, memos, phone calls, newsletters, and other communication including respond and reply opportunities (2 way communication) for parents to share their ideas.
Volunteering	<p><i>Recruit and organize parent help and support.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School/classroom volunteer program to help teachers, administrators, students, and other parents. • Parent room or family center for volunteer work, meetings, and resources for families. • Annual postcard survey to identify all available talents, times, and locations of volunteers, including virtual opportunities.
Learning at Home	<p><i>Provide information and ideas to families about how to help students at home with homework and other curriculum-related activities, decisions, and planning.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information for families on skills required for students in all subjects at each grade. • Information on homework policies and how to monitor and discuss schoolwork at home. • Technology training in the form of classes for using computers are offered at TUSD Family Centers
Decision Making	<p><i>Include families as participants in school decisions, to assist in developing regular surveys; listening sessions and focus groups</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active PTA/PTO or other parent organizations, advisory councils, or committees (e.g., curriculum, safety) for parent leadership and participation. • District-level advisory councils and committees.
Collaborating with the Community	<p><i>Coordinate health and wellness services from the community for families, students, and the school.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information for students and families on community health, cultural, recreational, social support, and other programs or services, including services offered by the Pascua Yaqui Education Department. • Provide information on community activities that link to learning skills and talents, including summer programs for students.