

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT ENGAGEMENT POLICY ~ 2018-2019~

The Parent Engagement policy was developed in collaboration with the members of the Title 1 committee which comprised of parents, students, teachers and school administration. After reviewing the draft and accepting comments from the Title 1 committee, the policy was finalized. This policy will be reviewed annually and updated by a team comprised of all stakeholders (parent, student, and school staff).

Within the first 45 days of the school year, a meeting will be held by the school administration to inform parents of the parental requirements under Title I Section 1118. Parents will be encouraged to participate and informed of their rights and ways they can become involved at Columbia High School. Topics to be covered will include:

- What Title 1 provides as well as inform parents of their rights and ways they can become involved at Columbia High School.
- Other federal and state programs (i.e. IDEA, Title V, Act 135, EAA) and resources available to parents and their students
- Curriculum at the school and resources to support student achievement
- Overview of the different types of academic assessments students take at CHS for example End of Course Exam, Advanced Placement (AP), College and Career Ready (ACT and Work keys), District Benchmark Assessments, and Teacher-made Assessment (common assessments).
- Overview of the school's Annual report card and the School Improvement identification
- Parents' Right to know requirement

There will be quarterly meetings with parents. Scheduled meetings will be held in the mornings and evenings to accommodate parents' work schedules. Scheduled meetings will include but not limited to the following: Open House, Grade Level Parent Meetings, Senior Parent Meeting, Parent Teachers Student Association (PTSA) and School Improvement Council (SIC) Meetings, Parent University, Family Literacy Night, EOC/AP Parent Nights, FAFSA Nights, Fine Arts Nights etc.

To increase parental involvement, Title 1 funds will be used to provide parent workshop materials, facilitators, refreshments, childcare and other necessary expenses. Parents will be notified about parent involvement opportunities through several media such as:

- School website www.richlandone.org/Columbia.rscd1.org
- Auto-Dialer, emails, Phone calls, and the school Marquee
- Richland One TV (Channel 12)
- PTSA/SIC Meetings

The school-parent compact will be developed by the Title 1 team. The compact draft will be provided to both the SIC and PTSA parents for comments and/or feedbacks after which the school-parent

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compact will be finalized. The finalized School-parent compact will be distributed at the beginning of school year for appropriate signatures.

Communications with parents will be provided in the language the parents can understand. A copy of the Title 1 plan will be in the Principal's office and the school Library. Parents may submit comments on the plan in writing to the principal. Regular meetings will be held to allow parents the opportunity to make suggestions and recommendations related to the education of their children.