

## **IGBCZ-R. REGULATION OF PARENTAL AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT (TITLE I – FEDERAL PROGRAMS)**

In general, Norfolk Public Schools recognizes that the education of each student is a responsibility shared by the school and the student's parents. Therefore, the school division will take the following actions to promote active parental involvement in student learning:

- A. Develop a Family Engagement Policy For School District. Norfolk Public Schools will develop, jointly with parents, a written parent involvement policy. The policy will be incorporated into Norfolk Public Schools' district accountability plan and Title I plan.
  - 1. Families will be able to participate in the joint development of the district Title I plan, and in the process of school review and improvement by:
    - a. Attending meetings of the District Advisory Council and the School Advisory Council.
    - b. Commenting on the Title I plan published on the district web site and distributed in hard copy to Title I schools.
  - 2. The district will assist schools in planning and implementing effective family engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance by:
    - a. Educating school administration and staff members, on the value of family engagement.
    - b. Providing school level family engagement funds to help facilitate family engagement activities.
    - c. Helping families understand Virginia's academic content standards, how to monitor a child's academic progress, and how to work effectively with educators to improve the achievement of their children.
    - d. Ensuring that schools provide information to families regarding its programs and activities in a format and in a language the families can understand.
  - 3. The district will ensure that Title I schools evaluate their Title I programs through a family survey conducted each spring.
- B. Ensure That Each School Develops a Family Engagement Policy. The district will require each Title I school to develop a family engagement policy, which is developed jointly with and distributed to families. The policy will be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- C. Advise Families Of Their Right To Be Involved In Their Children's Education. The district will ensure that each Title I school convenes an annual meeting to advise families of the requirements of the Title I program. Information regarding family engagement requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) will also be shared at this meeting.

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**Legal Ref.:**

Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, section [22.1-78](#);  
[No Child Left Behind Act of 2001](#), P.L.107-110 (H.R.1), Title I, section 1118.

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