



MES Elementary School Family Engagement Policy

for Every Student Succeeds Act

2020-2021 (COVID-19)

The mission at Murrayville Elementary is to provide a nurturing learning environment which develops lifelong learners to become college and career ready. Every Mariner matters and every moment counts.

At Murrayville, we will create a continuous pathway to an outstanding educational experience.

- Students will come to school daily, on time, prepared and ready to learn while being respectful, responsible, safe and kind.
- Staff will build an environment without judgment, where creativity and learning are evident.
- Families will support at home and partner with school staff to promote health, well-being and the importance of learning.
- Community will support and enhance educational opportunities by partnering with our school.

Murrayville Elementary School will:

- Engage parents in developing a family engagement policy and make parents aware of their right to be involved in their children's education.
- Host annual Title I meeting.
- Dedicate at least 1 percent of Title I funds for family engagement, with parents involved in deciding the best use of these funds.
- Develop a school compact that outlines shared responsibilities for student achievement for parents and school staff.
- Build parent capacity by explaining state academic standards, showing how parents can support student learning, whether face-to-face or in a remote setting.
- Provide take-home educational materials.
- Coordinate with other federal, state, and local programs, including early childhood and English learner programs.
- Provide materials in a language parents can understand, to the extent practicable.

Plan of Action

Title I annual meeting: Each fall, Murrayville will host its annual Title I Meeting. As a part of this meeting, parents will be surveyed to determine their interests and needs regarding the curriculum and educational programs and strategies. Due to COVID-19, the survey will be sent out in a Google Form separate from the virtual Title I meeting.

Parents' have rights to be involved in children's education, and we welcome families for conferences at any time that there are concerns. Teachers will make themselves available for phone conferences, if necessary, and will respond promptly to electronic communications. Title I programs, family engagement policies, and state assessments are explained at an annual fall meeting and throughout the school year, not as part of an open house or back-to-school night. Parents will be provided information regarding all assessments as they are made available, as COVID-19 may adjust assessment methods and schedules.

In the fall of 2020, parents will receive a compact outlining shared responsibilities for the education provided to students. These documents will be distributed electronically. Follow up meetings will include Title I updates, strategies for students' success in face-to-face and remote learning environments. Parents will be afforded an opportunity to provide feedback on Title I programs in order to make adjustments to programs for the upcoming school year.

Outreach to all families: We use a variety of methods to communicate with families, including surveys via Connect 5 email and Google Forms, personal invitations mailed home, flyers, and Connect 5 calls. We will have limited face-to-face events due to COVID-19. Traditionally, we offer family events such as Coding Night, STEM Night, Family BINGO and Publishing Celebrations where we provide Title I updates. In addition, based on parents' feedback, we offer curriculum-based family events as well.

School partnerships: Murrayville has developed partnerships with local churches, Laney HS, WECHS & Isaac Bear HS, UNCW Watson School of Education and NC Nourish, as well as our PTA who works with a variety of local businesses to host fundraising nights each year. Volunteers' access to the school is limited due to COVID-19. We have worked with some organizations to coordinate recorded read alouds.

Communication: The school is committed to meaningful, two-way communication. School messages are delivered through Connect 5 calls and emails, Remind 101 texts, and Murrayville's Facebook, as well as flyers. The school's PTA's Facebook page is a resource for the most current information. Teacher Newsletters are shared on the school's website, as well as emailed. Murrayville is committed to reaching our families whose native language is not English. Correspondence will be translated and the Talking Points app will be used to communicate brief messages and reminders.

Use of family engagement set-aside: One percent of Murrayville's Title I budget is spent on family engagement. Additional funds are set aside for on-site events, meals, resources and materials, as well as take-home educational materials. Due to COVID-19, resources will be used to support remote learning and the implementation of the Plan B weekly rotations.

Parent capacity building: Traditionally, several times each quarter, Murrayville offers family events focused on supporting academics and to enhance parents' and families' ability to support the education of their children at home. All of these activities will be modified and delivered in a virtual format due to COVID-19.

Documentation: Parents must sign in at all Title I school meetings and activities. Sign-in sheets are recorded with dates and times and collected and archived for audits. The school also keeps parent survey results and meeting minutes as well as copies of the Title I plan and parent-school brochures. Documentation will be managed via electronic formats for the 20-21 school year due to COVID-19.

Parent-school compact: This is included as part of this Title I plan and emailed to parents due to COVID-19.