

Dracut Title I Schools Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2019-20 School Year



In support of strengthening student academic achievement, the Dracut Public Schools has developed this Parent and Family Engagement Plan that establishes the district's expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family engagement and guides the strategies and resources that strengthen school and parent partnerships in the district's Title I schools.

This plan describes Dracut's commitment to engage families in the education of their children and to build the capacity in its Title I schools to implement family engagement strategies and activities designed to achieve the district and student academic achievement goals. The District will work with its Title I schools to ensure that Parent and Family Engagement Plans are effectively implemented.

Dracut Public Schools will engage parents and families in Title I school-wide programs in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication addressing student achievement and ensuring that parents and family members:

- play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education
- are full partners in their child's education
- are included, as appropriate, in decision-making to assist in the education of their child.

Dracut will engage parents and families in Title I school-wide programs in the joint planning and development of the District's inclusive Title I Family Engagement Plan plan by engaging families in the following activities:

- An Annual Meeting at each Title I school where parents are invited to participate and provide suggestions and ideas to improve the district's inclusive Parent and Family Engagement Plan for the upcoming school year. The district and schools will use the results of the Annual Review to address any identified barriers to parental participation; to meet the needs of families to help their children learn, and to identify successful parent and family engagement strategies.
 - Developing, implementing, and reviewing of the School-Parent Compact, which is an agreement that outlines how parents, school staff, and students will share the responsibility for
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improved student academic achievement, and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

- Conducting an annual parent survey that encourages parents to provide valuable feedback regarding the parent and family engagement activities and programs. Survey results will be used to design strategies to improve effective family engagement, remove possible barriers to parent participation, and revise its parent and family engagement plans.
- Building capacity for school, parent and family engagement by:
 - Providing parents and family members with information on state standards, assessments, requirements of Title I, monitoring their child's progress, and working with educators
 - Providing materials, resources, and training to help parents and families work with their children to improve academic achievement

Parents are welcome to submit comments and feedback regarding the plan at any time to the District Title I Coordinator or by submitting written comments to their child's school. All feedback received is considered in the planning process for the school year. The District inclusive Parent and Family Engagement Plan is posted on district and school websites, distributed during the annual Title I school parent meeting, and made available upon request in the schools' offices.