

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FOR TITLE I PROGRAMS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure meaningful parent and family engagement in programs supported by Title I funds at Augsburg Fairview Academy.

Augsburg Fairview Academy recognizes that parent and family engagement is essential to improving student academic achievement and strengthening school partnerships with families and the community.

This policy establishes expectations and requirements for parent and family engagement consistent with federal Title I requirements.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Augsburg Fairview Academy will implement parent and family engagement programs, activities, and procedures that are consistent with the requirements of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The school will involve parents and family members in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs and will support meaningful communication between the school and families.

Parent and family engagement activities will be designed to strengthen partnerships between families and educators and to support student academic success.

III. DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Augsburg Fairview Academy shall jointly develop, review, and revise this parent and family engagement policy with parents and family members participating in Title I programs.

Parents and family members shall have opportunities to provide input regarding the design, implementation, and evaluation of Title I programs and services.

This policy shall be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary to meet federal requirements and to support effective family engagement practices.

IV. ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

Augsburg Fairview Academy shall hold an annual meeting for parents and family members of students participating in Title I programs.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

1. inform families of the school's participation in Title I;
2. explain the requirements and rights associated with Title I programs;
3. describe the school's curriculum, assessments, and academic expectations; and
4. provide opportunities for parents and family members to ask questions and provide feedback.



The school shall offer the meeting at a convenient time and may provide additional opportunities for participation when needed.

V. PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Augsburg Fairview Academy shall involve parents and family members in:

1. the development and review of school improvement plans;
2. evaluation of Title I programs and services;
3. discussions regarding strategies to support student achievement; and
4. activities that promote strong partnerships between families and the school.

The school will consider family input when making decisions regarding the use of Title I funds and program implementation.

VI. SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Augsburg Fairview Academy shall jointly develop a School-Parent Compact that outlines how parents, students, and the school will share responsibility for improving student academic achievement.

The compact shall describe how:

- the school will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction;
- parents and families will support their student's learning; and
- communication between school and home will occur regularly.

The compact shall be distributed to parents and families of participating students.

VII. BUILDING CAPACITY FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Augsburg Fairview Academy shall support parents and families in assisting their students' learning by:

1. providing information about academic standards and assessments;
2. offering resources and guidance to help families support learning at home;
3. encouraging regular communication between teachers and families;
4. providing opportunities for families to participate in school events and activities; and
5. supporting partnerships with community organizations when appropriate.

VIII. ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

Parent and family engagement activities shall be accessible to all families.

Augsburg Fairview Academy shall provide information and opportunities for engagement in formats and languages that families can understand whenever practicable.

The school will make reasonable efforts to ensure participation of parents and family members with limited English proficiency, disabilities, or other barriers to participation.



IX. COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES

Augsburg Fairview Academy shall provide parents and family members with timely information regarding:

- student academic progress,
- school programs and activities,
- opportunities for family involvement, and
- resources that support student learning.

Communication methods may include conferences, newsletters, school events, electronic communication, or other methods appropriate for reaching families.

X. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. School Board: The Augsburg Fairview Academy Board of Directors shall adopt policies supporting effective parent and family engagement and compliance with federal Title I requirements.

B. Executive Director: The Executive Director or designee shall be responsible for:

1. implementing parent and family engagement activities consistent with Title I requirements;
2. ensuring that families are informed of their rights under Title I;
3. supporting collaboration between school staff and families; and
4. ensuring that this policy is reviewed and updated as necessary.

C. School Staff: Teachers and school staff shall support meaningful communication with families and encourage family engagement in student learning

XI. DATA PRIVACY

Information related to students and families participating in Title I programs shall be maintained in accordance with applicable data privacy laws and school policy.

XII. LEGAL REFERENCES

- 20 U.S.C. §6318 – Parent and Family Engagement (Title I)
- 34 C.F.R. Part 200 – Title I Regulations
- Minn. Stat. §120B.11 – School District Curriculum and Instruction
- Minn. Stat. §13.32 – Educational Data Privacy