

Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy Meeting

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Agenda

- Schoolwide Title Program Overview
- District/School Parent Involvement Policy Review
- School-Parent Compact Review
- Complaint Procedure Review
- Family Resources for the Summer
- Important Dates for 2026-2027



Why Are We Here?

Every Student Succeeds Act requires that each Title I School hold a meeting for the purpose of:

- Eliciting parent feedback on Title I programming, budgeting and documents
- Reviewing/revising the District/School Parental Involvement Policies
- Explaining your rights as parents/families to be involved



What Does It Mean to Be a Title I School?

- Being a Title I school means receiving federal funding to help students who are low achieving or at most risk of falling behind.
- Being a Title I school means building school and parent capacity for strong parental involvement to improve student achievement.



What is a Title I Schoolwide (SWP) Program?

- The school uses Title I funds to upgrade the entire educational program of the school.
- The school must develop a schoolwide plan which includes a comprehensive needs assessment of the entire school. This plan is developed with a team of stakeholders including parents and is reviewed annually.
- Schools do not have to identify specific students for participation.



Title I School Improvement Plan

Prioritized Needs

Area	Specific Need	Supporting Data
Literacy	Reading instruction needs to be consistent and taught using a curriculum rooted in the Science of Reading through-out the grade-levels.	Teachers and TAs will receive Literacy based professional development.
Work-Based Learning	Students need to develop their employability skills. DCA needs to continue to build stronger community partnerships and expand resources.	The school-based work program (Dragons Work) will continue to increase the number of students completing on-site jobs.
Social Emotional Learning	Students with intense SEL needs have high incidents of maladaptive behaviors, therefore the classrooms need to provide a daily SEL curriculum that is implemented school-wide.	The incidents of maladaptive behaviors will continue to decrease.



Title I Parent Notification Requirements



Parent Involvement Policy

- Both the District and the School Parental Involvement Policies may be found on our website at:
<https://www.damarcharteracademy.org/title-i-ix/>
- Parents may also contact the school for a copy.
- Parents may contact the school at any time to discuss these policies and/or participate in the annual meeting to review and revise Title I policies.



School-Parent Compact

- We value what you do to help your child succeed in school. One part of our school's parent and family engagement policy is this school-parent compact. This compact is developed jointly with parents and identifies ways you and school staff can share the responsibility for supporting your child's learning.
- A copy of the School-Parent Compact may be found on our website at: <https://www.damarcharteracademy.org/title-i-ix/>



Complaint Procedure

A copy of the Title I Complaint Procedure may be found on our website at:
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Summer Engagement Resources

Whether your child needs to spend more time reading or developing math, there is an app designed to make learning fun. Below we are listing educational apps to prevent the summer slide. We encourage you to check out these apps on the [Common Sense Media](#) website to see if the app is age-appropriate for your child. A full list of apps may be located on our website at:

<https://www.damarcharteracademy.org/family-resources/>

Multi-Subject	Language Arts	STEM	Language & World Studies	Movement & Physical ED
ABC Mouse \$ Arcademic Skill Builders Khan Academy	Bob Books \$ BrainPOP \$ Homer \$ MadLibs \$	Code Spark \$ Dragon Box Math \$ Splash Math \$ Tinybop \$	DuoLingo	Go Noodle



Other Summer Resources

- Meals

School Meals

<https://www.in.gov/doe/nutrition/meal-site-information/>

Local Food Banks

<https://feedingindianashungry.org/find-your-food-bank/>

- Summer Activities

<https://indyschild.com/summer-activities/>



Summer Resources Continue...

Resources for Parents & Families

- Common Sense Media review

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

The Indianapolis Public Library

- Kids Summer Reading Program

<https://www.indypl.org/programs-events/srp/kids>

- Programs & Events

<https://www.indypl.org/programs-events>

- **Indy Area Splash Pads & Spray Parks**

<https://indyschild.com/indianapolis-splash-pads/>



Important Dates For 2026-2027

- Back to School Night: Tuesday, August 4th, 2026, from 4:00-6:00p
- Title I Annual Parent Info Meeting: Tuesday, August 4th, 2026 (in person) or Wednesday, August 12th, 2026 @1:00pm (virtual)
- First Day of School: Wednesday, August 5th, 2026
- School Calendar for 2026-2027 Year
<https://www.damarcharteracademy.org/calendar-information/>
- Family Literacy Night will be in December. More info will be coming.



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