



## **TITLE I**

# **PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

Neuse Charter School believes that the education of children is a cooperative effort between parents and schools. Parents are their children's first teachers and involvement by parents improves the educational achievement of their children. We believe that the involvement of parents whose children are eligible for support through Title I funding increases the effectiveness of the program and contributes significantly to the success of the children.

Parents (or their representatives) of all eligible children for support through Title 1 funding program shall be invited to an annual meeting to participate in the joint development of the school's plan for school review and improvement. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the programs and activities provided with Title I funds in Targeted Assistance projects. The Parent & Family Engagement Policy plan will be made available for all parents of eligible children for Title 1 funds to review and provide feedback.

Parents will be given the opportunity to confer with their child's teacher who is funded through the Title 1 program. Parents will be informed of the Targeted Assistance program that has been planned for their child and his/her progress will be reported. Parents will be encouraged to visit the classrooms and to volunteer in school activities.

We will build capacity for strong parent and family engagement by:

- Providing the school's policy for every child. Translations and oral communications will be used to inform parents with language barriers and/or disabilities.
- Coordinating and integrating the parent involvement activities with other programs offered in the school.
- Offering flexible schedules for meetings such as parent conferences on teacher workdays and opportunities for meeting in the evening so that meaningful consultation occurs with parents of participating children.
- Providing materials and training to involve parents in the Title I activities.
- Assisting in the annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parent & Family Engagement Policy. Using findings of the evaluation to design strategies for more effective parent and family engagement and to improve the academic quality of the school.
  
- Seeking to identify barriers to greater participation of parents and families.

This policy and our Parent Compact/Agreement serve as a compact between teacher, parent and student.