

Richard City Special School District
Annual Title I, LEA Plan & Family
Engagement Meeting
2025-2026



What is the purpose for this meeting?

- ▶ The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) mandates that every school that receives Title I funding hold an annual meeting for the purpose of:
 - ▶ Informing stakeholders of the school's participation in Title I
 - ▶ Detail the requirements that fall under Title I funding
 - ▶ Explain parents/families role and rights to be a involved in the Title I school

What will I as a parent/guardian take away from this meeting?

- ▶ What is Title I?
- ▶ What are my rights as a parent/guardian to be involved?
- ▶ What does our school uses Title I funding for?
- ▶ What is the Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator responsible for?
- ▶ What is the LEA's Family and Engagement Policy?
- ▶ What is the school Improvement plan?
- ▶ Who can I contact for support?
- ▶ How is TISA funding tied to our school?



What is Title I?

- ▶ Title I is the largest federal funding program allocated to our schools.
- ▶ Any school listed as a Title I school will receive Title I funds that can be used for:
 - ▶ Supplementing the academic program
 - ▶ Hiring additional staff
 - ▶ Extra classroom supplies and materials
 - ▶ Educational equipment
 - ▶ Family engagement
 - ▶ Professional development for teachers

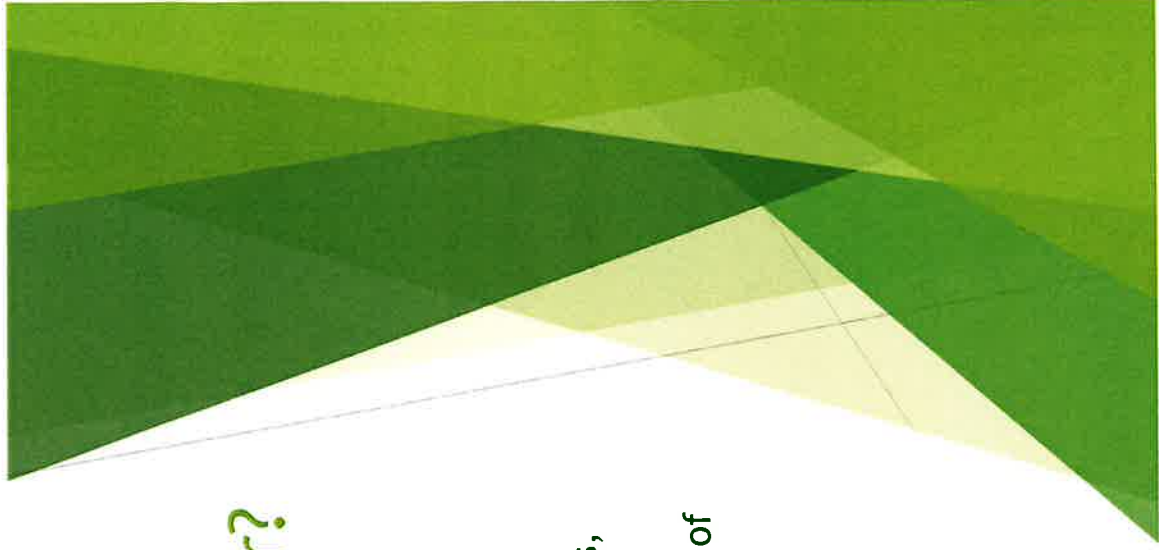


What are my rights as a parent/guardian to be involved?

- ▶ Families of students in a Title I school have to following rights:
 - ▶ To be involved in the LEA level and school level school improvement plan
 - ▶ To be provided with your child's achievement level on assessments
 - ▶ Request information on the qualifications of the teachers who educate your child
 - ▶ Participate in family engagement activities and the planning of such activities

What does our school use Title I funding for?

- ▶ For the 2024-2025 school year, Title I funding was allocated for:
 - ▶ Instructional coach to assist teachers in the areas of reading and math
 - ▶ Parent coordinator to organize family activities
 - ▶ Educational programs (Plato, Exact Path, Study Island, Renaissance Learning, AimsWeb, Lexia)
 - ▶ Educational equipment (classroom smart boards)
 - ▶ Supplemental supplies and materials for classroom use
 - ▶ RTI personnel



What is the Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator responsible for?

- ▶ Organizing parent and family engagement activities
 - ▶ Developing and delivering monthly school newsletters with upcoming events, dates, and information
 - ▶ Working along side of the Director of Federal Programs on the development of the LEA improvement plan
 - ▶ Providing families with information on assistance when needed
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What is the LEA's Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

- ▶ The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is a requirement of ESSA that contains the following components:
 - ▶ How parents and families can be involved in decision making and school activities
 - ▶ How parent and family engagement funds are being used
 - ▶ How information will be provided to families
 - ▶ How the school will partner with our stakeholders to build capacity and support through collaboration.
- ▶ The district's Parent and Family Policy can be found here:

<https://tsba.net/richard-city-board-of-education-policy-manual/#search>

What is a School-Parent-Student Compact?

- ▶ A written commitment that details how all school stakeholders will work collaboratively to ensure academic growth for our students.
- ▶ Title I provides the opportunity for families to be involved in the development of the compact.
- ▶ Compact components must include how the school will:
 - ▶ Provide high quality instruction
 - ▶ Provide parent-teacher conferences each year
 - ▶ Provide progress reports to parents on their child's academic progress
 - ▶ Provide access reasonable access to school staff
 - ▶ Provide family volunteer opportunities
 - ▶ Provide communication to parents

What curriculum does Richard City use?

- ▶ The Tennessee academic standards are used for all subjects for all grade levels at Richard Hardy Memorial School.
- ▶ All Tennessee academic standards can be found at <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/education/instruction/academic-standards.html>
- ▶ The following is the approved curriculum for Richard City
 - ▶ ELA- CKLA for grades pre-K through 5, My Perspectives for grades 6-12
 - ▶ Math- Envision Math
 - ▶ Science- McGraw-Hill

What assessments will my child participate in?

- ▶ State level assessments
 - ▶ TCAP Grades 3-8
 - ▶ EOC
- ▶ LEA level assessments
 - ▶ AimsWeb Benchmark
 - ▶ Star reading and math assessments
 - ▶ Star Early Literacy (Pre-K and Kindergarten)
 - ▶ Exact Path skills based assessments



How can parents/families get involved?

- ▶ To get involved in the school improvement plan and/or development of the Family Engagement Policy contact the principal at rculpepper@richardhardy.org or the director at sallison@richardhardy.org.
- ▶ We encourage all families to:
 - ▶ Attend parent/teacher conference or other school organized meetings
 - ▶ Monitor student's academic progress through the parent portal on Powerschool.
 - ▶ Volunteer in your child's classroom.
 - ▶ Stay informed through the school newsletter and social media platforms.

Contacts?

- ▶ Director: Sharon Newcom sallison@richardhardy.org
- ▶ Principal: Reggie Culpepper rculpepper@richardhardy.org
- ▶ Special Education Director: Stacey Wright swright@richardhardy.org
- ▶ Federal Programs Director: Donna Culpepper dculpepper@richardhardy.org
- ▶ Counselor: Cameron Perry cperry@richardhardy.org