

# PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

SUMNER COUNTY SCHOOLS



Benny Bills Elementary Families

## WHAT IS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT?

Family engagement is the participation of family members in regular and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. Family engagement also means families are partners with schools and are included in educational decisions of their child. Sumner County Schools believe families play an integral role in their child's learning.

## WHAT IS TITLE I?

The purpose of the Title I, Part A program is to provide federal dollars to supplement educational opportunities for student who attend schools with high numbers or percentages of children from low-income families and are most at risk of failing to meet the state's challenging academic achievement standards. Title I, Part A funds are to be used to provide all students significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps.

Outcomes Today



# Title I

Opportunities Tomorrow

*Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much. – Helen Keller*



North Sumner  
Elementary Families

## STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOLS

The District Federal Programs Department will assist and support all Title I schools in meeting family engagement requirements and implementing strategies. These schools will also receive information and resources from the district to enhance family engagement efforts. In addition to regular communication and school visits, the district will conduct meetings and training sessions with Title I school leadership to assess and refine family engagement plans and activities.

## RESERVATION OF FUNDS

SCS sets aside one percent of its annual Title I funds to meet parent and family engagement requirements outlined in Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Additionally, 90 percent of this allocation is distributed to Title I schools to support their local family engagement initiatives. The district will provide guidance to help each school develop a family engagement budget based on needs assessments and family input.

Each Title I school will hold an annual Spring Planning Meeting for families to contribute ideas on how to utilize these funds in the upcoming year. Feedback from comment cards, meetings, and family and staff surveys will inform the district's decisions regarding areas of need and potential adjustments to the family engagement budget for the next school year.



George Whitten  
Elementary Families

## OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK

- Fall Title I Annual Meeting
- School Surveys
- Family Engagement Meetings
- Contact your school's principal, Title I Reading Specialist, or the District Federal Programs Team



## ENHANCING EDUCATION

SCS aims to enhance family engagement by empowering schools, families, and students to collaboratively improve student academic achievement. SCS provides resources and guidance to support families in effectively assisting their children at home.

### SCHOOL STAFF

SCS will conduct periodic training sessions for principals, instructional coaches, and Title I school staff to enhance family engagement, improve school-family communication, and increase community involvement.

### FAMILIES

SCS assists families in understanding academic information, including Title I program details. SCS will provide online resources. Parent guides and study materials may be accessed through [sumnerschools.org](http://sumnerschools.org). To enhance family engagement, SCS collaborates with family representatives from each Title I school, along with community stakeholders.

*When students see that teachers and parents are working as partners, they recognize that learning can take place everywhere, both in and out of school. – Dan Nowak*



## TITLE I SCHOOLS IN SUMNER COUNTY

Benny Bills Elementary  
Bethpage Elementary  
Clyde Riggs Elementary  
Guild Elementary  
Gene Brown Elementary  
George Whitten Elementary  
Howard Elementary  
JW Wiseman Elementary

Lakeside Park Elementary  
Millersville Elementary  
North Sumner Elementary  
Portland Gateview Elementary  
Vena Stuart Elementary  
Watt Hardison Elementary  
Westmoreland Elementary

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### JOINTLY DEVELOPED

This plan was jointly drafted by the SCS Title I department and families, who were invited to participate and provide suggestions for improvements of the plan. The plan is posted online and distributed during annual meetings. Families are invited to submit comments and feedback at any time.

Each year, SCS will evaluate the content and effectiveness of this plan and engagement activities to improve the academic quality of Title I schools through a survey and school improvement plan.

### ACCESSIBILITY

To comply with ESSA Section 1116, the District Title I Supervisor and EL Coordinator will support parental engagement, including providing accessible information and reports for parents with language barriers or disabilities.



Howard Elementary Families



Guild Elementary Families

Sumner County Schools (SCS) has developed this parent and family engagement plan to strengthen student academic achievement by outlining expectations and strategies for meaningful family engagement in its Title I schools. This plan reflects SCS's commitment to fostering partnerships between schools and parents, aiming to improve student outcomes and support their educational journey, in accordance with Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).