

Redbank Valley School District

2025-2026 LEA Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Redbank Valley School District receives Title I funding. Under Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), all schools receiving Title I funds are required to develop a written Parent and Family Engagement Policy for the Local Education Association (LEA). ESSA states that the LEA Parent and Family Engagement Policy must be jointly developed with parents and family members, incorporated into the LEA Plan, and distributed to parents of participating children in a format and language that parents can understand. Such programs, activities, and procedures shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents and family members of participating children.

Redbank Valley School District agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

Joint Development/School Review and Improvement

Redbank Valley will involve parents and family members to jointly develop its LEA Plan. The District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School Parent and Family Engagement Plans, and School-Parent Compacts will be reviewed each year and revised annually. Sources used in the development of these policies and plans include individual school meetings, annual parent survey results, parent meetings, and parent-teacher conferences. This policy and all such policies and plans will be posted on the district website, www.redbankvalley.net. These policies are working documents and are subject to review and revision (ESSA, Section 1116 (a)(2)(A)).

School Review and Improvement

In the process of school review and improvement, parents and family members will be involved in revising and reviewing the Parent and Family Engagement Policies and Plans through annual meetings and surveys (ESSA, Section 1116(a)(2)(A)(F)).

Technical Assistance

In planning and implementing effective Parent and Family Engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, the Federal Programs Coordinator will provide guidance and support on appropriate use of Parent and Family Engagement funds and review of Parent and Family Engagement Policies, Plans, and the School-Parent Compact to ensure compliance (ESSA, Section 1116(a)(2)(B)).

Coordination of Services

Redbank Valley School District will coordinate with Head Start and the local preschools to develop transition plans and hold Kindergarten Orientation in the spring of each school year. Kindergarten screenings on students from these programs will also be conducted in the spring before entrance into school (ESSA, Section 1116(A)(2)(C)).

Annual Evaluation

Redbank Valley School District will conduct an annual evaluation:

- with the meaningful engagement of parents and family members
- of the content and effectiveness of the Title I program
- to identify barriers to increased participation of parents in activities with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, disabled, limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of racial or ethnic minority background
- to identify the needs of parents and family members to assist with the learning of their children, engaging with school personnel, and strategies to support successful school and family interactions
- to evaluate and revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policies and Plans and design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental engagement (ESSA, Section 1116(a)(2)(D)(i-iii) and ESSA, Section 1116(a)(2)(E))
- which may be used to establish a Parent Advisory Council to the review Parent and Family Engagement Policies and Plans (ESSA, Section 1116(a)(2)(F))

Adoption

This plan has been adopted by Redbank Valley School District and will be in effect for the current school year. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of students in the elementary schools by sending copies home with students and placing it on the district website www.redbankvalley.net.