



Penn Cambria Intermediate School

TITLE ONE Parent & Family Engagement

POLICY 2024-2025

PCI's School-Wide Title 1 Program

PCI operates a school-wide Title 1 program which means that our Title 1 funds are used to serve all children in a school. All staff, resources, and classes are part of the overall school-wide program. The purpose is to ensure **all students** – especially those considered most academically at-risk – are able to attain academic proficiency based upon state academic standards. Title 1 funds are used to provide a reading specialist at PCI and a split-time interventionist to provide reading interventions for struggling students.

Title 1 Annual Parent Meeting + Activity Demonstrations – Fall 2024

Purposes/Topics:

- Parent login and online resource review for FOCUS, Lexia Core5, Elevate Science, Go Math, MyView Reading, and Accelerated Reader
- Title 1 Programs and Resources
- PA Future Ready Index
- Career Readiness Activities
- Second Step Social Emotional Learning Program
- Interventions for Struggling Students
- State and local assessments
- Parent input regarding involvement policies
- Parent input regarding Title 1 program and planning
- Parent input regarding the Home School Compact
- Question and answer time with the principal & staff

Parent Conferences and Meetings at PCI

Meetings are held at a variety of times to best meet the needs of parents. Other meetings and conferences can be arranged at the request of families.

- **August 21, 2024** - 4pm-7pm – Back to School Night
- **November 7, 2024**- 4pm-7pm by appointment
- **November 8, 2024** - Daytime by appointment
- **April 3, 2025** - 4pm-7pm by appointment

How Will Parent Information Be Provided?

- Weekly classroom newsletters
- Information in Friday folders
- Email and services like Class Dojo
- Meetings and parent information sessions
- Displays at conferences and open houses
- Postings on the Parent Pages section of our school website (www.pcam.org)
- District social media (ex: Twitter)
- Annual parent information mailings

Parent Information and Materials

Information about the following topics will be provided throughout the school year.

- Our Title 1 Program
- Curriculum and assessments used in our school at each grade level
- State assessments and expected proficiency levels
- PA Core Standards and other PA Academic Standards
- Monitoring your child's progress
- Assistance with online resources

- Suggestions, resources and/or materials for ways to help your child increase reading and math skills and to develop strategies for using technology appropriately
- **Home-School Compact** – This compact, developed with parents, outlines how parents, the entire school staff and students will share in the responsibility for improved student achievement.

Annual Title 1 Parent Information Packet

Parents will receive an information packet during the first week of school containing the following:

- An overview of our Title 1 program at PCI
- A copy of this family engagement policy
- A copy of the PCSD federal complain resolution procedures
- A notice of a parent’s right to know teacher qualifications
- Our Home School Compact

How Can Parents Be Involved in Title 1 Programs and Decisions at PCI?

We review our Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Policy and our School-wide Program each year and make any changes necessary.

Parent Surveys – We will send home surveys asking for your input. We use and appreciate your input! You can view the results of the surveys on the Parent Pages section of our website.

In Person – We will ask for your input in person at our Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting. We also work with the assistance of our parents to provide ongoing education to our staff about strategies for working with and collaborating with our families.

Volunteer Reviewers – We will ask parent volunteers to review our policy and program each spring and schedule a time to review with you to get your input (via phone, email or in person).

Serve on a Committee – If you are interested in serving as a parent representative on our Title 1 School-wide Committee or if you are interested in serving on other district committees, please contact Mrs. Jeanette Black at 814-886-8121 x1183 or BLACKJL@pcam.org

PTO Information

If you are interested in getting more involved with the Penn Cambria PTO, please email penncambriapto@yahoo.com or feel free to attend a meeting. Meetings are held at 6pm the third Tuesday of each month during the school year at PCPP.

All levels of involvement are welcome from occasional assistance to active leadership!

What if Parents Need Special Assistance?

Please contact us!

If requested, PCI will provide opportunities for meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions related to the education of your children.

PC will provide translations of pertinent information for parents with limited English proficiency. PC will also provide information in various forms (ex: audio, visual) for parents as needed.

If available, Title 1 funds may be used to pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities, including transportation, childcare or home visit expenses to enable parents to participate in school meetings and training sessions.