

## Integration with Other Programs

Chipman Elementary has established many partnerships within the community including but not limited to Baxter Enterprises, Wicomico Presbyterian Church, Maryland Food Bank, Farms to Schools Produce, Wicomico County Bookmobile, Junior Achievement and being a Professional Development School Site for Salisbury University.



### Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings

Chipman Elementary School Title I Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings are held twice a year at the school. Parents, family members, staff members, and administration are invited. The following topics are discussed and reviewed at the PAC meetings: Title I Family Engagement Plan, family engagement budget, student data, Maryland Career and College Readiness Standards, state and local assessments, school family compact and family engagement activities. Families also provide input on professional development for teachers as it relates to understanding the school community and family engagement. The compact and brochure are distributed the first week of school. Family members complete forms providing feedback on the family engagement plan and the compact.

### Coordination and Support

Program coordination and technical assistance for Chipman Elementary in planning and implementing effective family engagement activities will be provided through the efforts of the Title I Supervisor and supported by the Family Engagement Specialist. Chipman Elementary staff provides ideas, organizes materials, shares resources and meets regularly with the PAC throughout the year.

## Providing Assistance and Training

Families of Title I students are provided with timely information about the Title I program and family engagement opportunities. Information regarding the Maryland College and Career Readiness Standards expected student proficiency levels and an explanation of data results for both students and school are shared with the families. This information may be shared at Back to School Night, a Title I Orientation Meeting and Parent Advisory Council Meetings. Families will also have the opportunity to attend regular meetings related to the education of their children. Family concerns and comments may be submitted in writing or by speaking to a school administrator, or their child's teacher.



### Ensuring Accessibility

The Chipman Elementary School Improvement Plan is available for families to view. The plan incorporates the four components of a school wide Title I program and the instructional, attendance and program goals for the school. The plan is available for review at [www.wcboe.org](http://www.wcboe.org). Families may submit questions or comments to the Principal or Instructional Leadership Chairmen.

The Chipman Family Engagement Plan Brochure is available in both English, Spanish and Creole. Other resources provided upon request are interpreters, large print copies and transportation.

# Charles H. Chipman Elementary School



## Title I Family Engagement Plan 2019-2020

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The Wicomico County Board of Education recognizes that families are their child's first teachers and that they function as educators throughout their child's lives. More than thirty years of research shows that student academic success and high self-esteem are closely related to parent involvement in education from prekindergarten through high school. Chipman Elementary School also believes that the education of our children is a shared responsibility. Engagement by the school, the family and the community creates a stronger education system and improves the quality of life for students, their families and the entire community of Wicomico County. The school system and individual schools make the commitment to establish programs and practices that create a climate of mutual trust and respect and that support family engagement.

### Family Engagement Activities and Tools:

Chipman offers the following activities:

- Two Family Nights per year
- A Parent Resource Center
- A Strategy Workshops based on the Interest Survey
- Two Parent Advisory Council meetings
- Home School Compact



### Family Math and Reading Nights

Twice a year, Chipman holds a family math and reading night for all students and their families. The goal of the family nights are to reinforce skills currently being taught in the classroom. Family Interest Surveys are used to inform decisions regarding dates, times and topics to be covered. This is achieved by using technology, games, manipulatives and family participation. Each family will receive a bag of materials to take home to continue to help their child master the skills taught. In addition, dinner is served. Transportation and interpreters can be provided based upon need.



### Community Helpers Field Trip

Selected first grade students who demonstrate leadership abilities, and their parents, are provided an opportunity to participate in a community helpers field trip. Participants are fortunate to explore the "behind the scenes" routines of many of the Wicomico County businesses.



### Volunteer Opportunities

The volunteer survey provides the school with information about how families can partner with the school through a variety of activities. Throughout the year, more volunteer opportunities are shared in the monthly school newsletter, at PTA and PAC meetings and at Family Nights. Volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Classroom volunteer
- Field Trip Chaperone
- American Education Week greeter
- Parent Advisory Council participant
- Instructional Leadership Team member



### Family Interest Survey

Family input is an integral part of our decision-making process. Therefore, families are asked to complete an interest survey. Information from this survey indicates topics of interest as well as the most convenient times and days of the week to host events at school.



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