



District Parent Advisory Committee

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District believes that scholars, families, educators, and the community create educational partnerships and shared responsibility for learning success. As part of ***The Cleveland Plan***, CMSD has committed to increasing the number of families who feel welcome and valued in schools and who consider themselves to be partners in learning.

Because parents and caregivers play a vital role in the education of their children, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) has a District Parent Advisory Committee to represent the voice of CMSD families and students. Collectively and individually this committee will act as a sounding board and resource for the district's initiative to build and maintain family-school partnerships in alignment with ***The Cleveland Plan*** and the **Academic Learning Vision**.

“In our pursuit of a more fair, just and good system of education, we want each of our learners, both each of our scholars and each of their educators, to be individually and collectively presented with academically/intellectually complex tasks that are worthy of their productive struggle and allow them authentic opportunities to demonstrate their work and their learning of academic content and transferable skills in a joyful and adventurous environment.”

Role of the District Parent Advisory Committee

The District Parent Advisory Committee's role is to provide advice and assistance to the district in regards matters relating to programs and services to help CMSD attain its goal of providing each child with the best education possible.

In addition, members will work to increase parent and family engagement in education through effective communication while empowering and advocating for all families. The committee will meet 4 times during the school year and provide feedback on district initiatives presented by CMSD district leaders. Members will receive a \$50 gift card for each meeting attended.

For example, the Committee may:

- Assist by providing input into the development of educational priorities.
- Promote and encourage parent and community participation in the district.
- Provide a communication link between the district and the community.
- Help identify the concerns of students, parents, and community members and participate in collective problem solving to develop solutions.

Organization of the District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC)

- Parents or guardians whose children attend a CMSD school are eligible to serve as members of the advisory committee.
- Each member will serve a one-year term.
- Members of the DPAC may also serve on other district sub-committees.
- Meetings will be virtual and in-person.

Members may select to sit on a sub-committee(s). Sub-committees will have a different meeting schedule as determined by the CMSD lead person. Members will be compensated via a \$25 gift card participation in each meeting.

Sub-Committees:

CMSD Family Engagement – Will work to develop engagement standards and support for the district and schools. This sub-committee is comprised of members of the teacher's union, members of the principal's association, educators, and parents.

Communications – Will work with the communications department and the engagement division on various projects, including website update and communication strategies.

IT (Information Technology) - Work will focus on the different applications and technology used by the district and increasing parent usage and access.

Parent Leadership – Will work to develop training for parents and caregivers related to advocacy, understanding policies, procedures, and laws related to public education.

Programming – Will make recommendations on the types of programs and activities for families held in the district and schools.