

Series 5000: Students, Curriculum, and Academic Matters

5400 Curriculum, Instruction, and Parent Involvement

5405 Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

An Engagement Policy will be jointly developed and distributed to Parents and family members of participating students and the local community in an understandable format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the Parents can understand. An annual evaluation of the Engagement Policy's content and effectiveness will be used to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement, to revise the Engagement Policy, and to remove barriers to participation. The Engagement Policy will be reviewed annually at a meeting where concerned parties can discuss possible changes to the Engagement Policy.

A component of the Engagement Policy will be a School-Parent Compact jointly developed by the District and Parents that outlines how the Title I school, Parents, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and Parents will build and develop a partnership to help students achieve state education standards.

The District recognizes the unique needs of students who are being served in its Title I program and the importance of Parent and family engagement in the Title I program. Parent and family engagement in the Title I Program must include, but is not limited to:

- A. an annual meeting to which all Parents of participating students will be invited to inform Parents of their school's participation under this part, to explain the requirements of this part, and to explain the Parents' right to be involved. Invitations may take the form of notes sent with students or announcements in the school newsletter. Additional meetings may be scheduled, based on need and interest;
- B. an explanation of the details for student and Parent participation, including but not limited to: curriculum objectives, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and achievement of the state academic standards, type and extent of participation, parental input in educational decisions, coordination and integration with other federal, state, and District programs, and evaluations of progress;
- C. opportunities to participate in Parent involvement activities, such as training Parents to work with their students to improve achievement. A goal of Parent activities is to provide Parents with opportunities to participate in education-related decisions for their students, as appropriate;
- D. to the extent practicable, opportunities for involvement in the Title I Program for Parents of limited English proficiency, Parents with disabilities, Parents with limited literacy, Parents who are economically disadvantaged, Parents of a minority background, or Parents of migratory children. Communication to Parents about student progress and other Title I matters will be provided in a language the Parent

can understand, to the extent practicable. Responses to Parent concerns will be provided in a timely manner;

- E. opportunities for Parent-teacher conferences, in addition to those regularly scheduled by the District, if requested by the Parents or as deemed necessary by District staff;
- F. coordination and integration of parental involvement programs and activities with other community programs. These may include cooperation with other community programs such as Head Start, preschools, and other community services; and
- G. educating teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, with the assistance of Parents in the value and utility of parental contributions, how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with Parents as equal partners.

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