



YES Prep Southside
School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
ESSA Section 1116
2020-2021

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, **YES Prep Southside** receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

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agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

- ❑ Involve families, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the school improvement plan under Section 1114(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- ❑ Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of families and the school, distribute it to the families of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.
- ❑ Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of families with limited English proficiency, families with disabilities, and families of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language families understand.
- ❑ If the school improvement plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA is not satisfactory to the families of participating children, submit any family comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.
- ❑ Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition: Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of families in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:
 - (A) families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
 - (B) families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
 - (C) families are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child; and
 - (D) other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA.

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

YES Prep Southside will take the following actions to involve families in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by families, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

During scheduled parent engagement meetings throughout the school year, **YES Prep Southside** parents will have the opportunity to offer feedback to the **YES Prep Southside** student and family handbook. Upon receipt of the parental feedback, **YES Prep Southside** administration will post a revised copy of the handbook.

Our monthly parent meetings are hosted the second to last Wednesday of the month unless otherwise specified. You will be notified about our meetings via email, phone call and text message prior to the meeting. Due to COVID-19, we are unable to host our meetings in person at this time. Please follow us on our social media platforms in order to stay up to date with our campus's events.

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

YES Prep Southside will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all families of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the families' requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact.

Wednesday, December 9th and Wednesday, December 16th **YES Prep Southside** will host its first annual Title 1 meeting. This will be used to inform families of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the families rights to be involved. The Annual Title I meeting will be used to ask for family input and provided as an opportunity to disseminate information and ensure families have access to the policy and compact.

COMMUNICATIONS

YES Prep Southside will take the following actions to provide families of participating children the following:

- ❑ Timely information about the Title I programs
- ❑ Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, child care or home visits, as such services relate to parent and family engagement.
- ❑ Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the families of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the families can understand:

YES Prep Southside student and family handbook will be made available to families during the second week of school and will be posted on the campus website. A virtual Family Resource Center will also be linked to give families access to critical information.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

YES Prep Southside will take the following actions to jointly develop with families of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how families, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and families will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

During family engagement meetings, families will have the opportunity to review the school-parent compact and offer feedback for revisions. After revisions are made, an updated version will be posted on the official YES Prep **YES Prep Southside** website.

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

YES Prep Southside will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support families in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

YP Southside will partner with Legacy Clinic and LEAD Houston to offer affordable healthcare to our students and families as well as well as opportunities for student's to achieve success by providing extra tutoring.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF

YES Prep Southside will provide training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of families, in the value and utility of contributions of families, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with families as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between families and the school by:

Throughout the school year, **YES Prep Southside** teachers will participate in professional development and region-wide conferences regarding literacy, numeracy, early childhood development, and parental engagement.

YES Prep Southside will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as families may request by:

YES Prep Southside will host a summer family academy. During this program, parents will learn research-based strategies that will develop students academically, socially, and emotionally as they transition to a new grade level at YES Prep **Southside**.