

Yes Prep North Forest
School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
ESSA Section 1116
20-21 SY

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, **YES Prep North Forest** 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.

Description of how the school will implement required school parent and family engagement policy components:

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

YES Prep North Forest 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 Family Engagement Opportunities throughout the school year, **YES Prep North Forest** families will have the opportunity to offer feedback to **YES Prep North Forest** student and family handbook, systems, goals, and campus drivers.

Families have an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions at the end of every Quarter where we host a meeting to review strengths and areas of improvement.

Feedback from families will be implemented following collaborative meetings with campus leadership and FE Representatives.

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

YES Prep North Forest 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.

YES Prep North Forest will host its first annual Title 1 meeting on Friday, January 8 at 9:30am and Tuesday, January 12th at 5:00pm. This meeting will inform families of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as families rights to be involved. The Annual Title I Meeting will be used to ask for family input on the School-Parent Compact, campus goals, and gage family's interests in engaging with our campus.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Timely information about the Title I Programs.
- Flexible number of meetings or events, such as meetings in the morning or evening.
- 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 North Forest will rely on our campus website, social media, email and telephone communications, and the Family Portal to disseminate all information relevant to families on an ongoing basis. Communication sent to families will be uniform and available across all major sites to increase accessibility for students and families.

YES Prep North Forests commits to providing consistent communication and seeks continuous feedback from families on how we may improve. Likewise, we ask for families' full engagement with communication shared to ensure that all families remain informed.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

YES Prep North Forest 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.

Families will have an opportunity to review the School-Parent Compact during our Annual Title I Meetings and provide input on each section of the School-Parent Compact. The School-Parent Compact will be revised to include input provided by families. A feedback survey will be posted on our campus website to collect input from those who may not have an opportunity to join the Title 1 Meeting. After revisions are made, an updated version will be posted on the official **YES Prep North Forest** website.

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

YES Prep North Forest 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:

YES Prep North Forest will collaborate with skilled professionals within our school district or community to offer workshops, training programs, or seminars that will equip families with the skillset needed to support their child's education.

We will collaborate with ACE to host activities geared towards engaging families and students. (i.e. EPIC Celebrations, Programming Events hosted by ACE Clubs, etc.).

BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF

YES Prep North Forest 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:

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

YES Prep North Forest will continue to engage teachers and staff in professional development around family engagement. We will rely on the implementation of the Family Portal to promote family outreach and collaboration.

We will continue to operate with transparency surrounding our Family Engagement challenges and concerns (ADA), and will rely on instructional staff as a direct line of communication with students and families.

Staff members will be equipped with the resources needed to support or resolve family inquiries by staying informed through our daily staff communication system.