

INSTRUCTION

Title I Program - ~~Parental Involvement~~ Family engagement

A. Virginia Beach City Public Schools agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

1. The school ~~district-division~~ will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the ~~involvement of parents~~ engagement of families in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with families of Title I programs. ~~parents of participating children.~~
2. Consistent with section 1118, the school ~~district-division~~ will work with its schools to ensure ~~that~~ the required school-level ~~parental involvement~~ family engagement policies-plans meet the requirements of sections 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school parent compact consistent with section and 1118(d) of the ESEA.
3. The school ~~district-division~~ will incorporate this ~~district division~~ wide ~~parental involvement~~ family engagement plan ~~policy~~ into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA.
4. In carrying out the Title I, Part A ~~parental involvement~~ family engagement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school ~~district-division~~ and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation

of ~~families~~parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format ~~and~~, including alternative formats upon request. ~~, and, to~~ To the extent practicable, the division will provide information in a language ~~families~~parents understand.

5. If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school ~~district~~ division will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school ~~district~~ division submits the plan to the State Department of Education.
6. The school ~~district~~ division will involve the ~~families~~parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the ~~1~~ one percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for ~~parental involvement~~ family engagement is spent, and will ensure ~~that not~~ no less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
7. The school ~~district~~ division will be governed by the following statutory definition of ~~parental involvement~~ family engagement, and expects ~~that its Title I schools~~ schools receiving Title I funding to will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

~~Parental involvement~~ Family engagement means the participation of ~~families~~parents in regular, two-way, ~~and~~ meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring -

- a. ~~that families~~parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- b. ~~that families~~parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- c. ~~that families~~parents 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. the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

B. ~~T~~Description of how the District~~-division~~ will implement required ~~district-wide~~division-wide Parental Involvement~~family engagement~~ Policy ~~c~~Components:

- 1. Virginia Beach City Public Schools will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its ~~district divisionwide~~division wide~~parental involvement~~family engagement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA:
 - a. Each school will convene an annual meeting before October 30 of each school year.
 - b. Curriculum information will be made available to all parents at the annual meeting.
 - c. Assessment information will be made available to all ~~parents~~families at the annual meeting.
 - d. Each Title I school will establish a School Planning Council and one member of that

Council will serve on the Title I Parent Review Committee which will meet quarterly.

- e. Each ~~school~~School Planning Council will hold meetings according to Virginia Beach City Public School Board Policy 2-42.

2. Virginia Beach City Public Schools will take the following actions to involve ~~families~~parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:

- a. The Title I ~~Family~~Parent Review Committee will hold meetings open to all ~~families~~parents.
- b. The Title I ~~Family~~Parent Review Committee will provide ongoing communication and monitoring concerning the progress of the goals and objectives of the Title I program.
- c. The School Planning Council will allow parents to review available data with school staff and to provide input to assist schools in modifying and updating their ~~Continuous Improvement Plan~~Plan for Continuous Improvement- and Title I schoolwide plan.

~~3. Virginia Beach City Public Schools will provide coordination, technical assistance and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools, and each Title I school will receive a budget for family engagement activities using Title I funds.~~will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

- ~~3. Each individual school will receive a budget for parental involvement activities using Title I funds.~~
4. Virginia Beach City Public Schools will coordinate and integrate ~~parental involvement~~family engagement strategies in Title I, Part A with ~~parental involvement~~family engagement strategies under the following other programs by:
- a. Working collaboratively with the local *Virginia Pre-school Initiative*.
 - b. Working collaboratively with the local *Ready to Learn* team.
 - c. Developing a series of family ~~literacy and math night~~ activities aligned to school's needs as outlined in the Title I schoolwide plan that are funded with Title I ~~Parental Involvement~~family engagement funds.
5. Virginia Beach City Public Schools ~~will take the following actions to conduct,~~ with the engagement of families~~involvement of parents,~~ an will conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement~~family engagement~~ plan~~olicy~~ in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by families~~parents~~ in ~~parental involvement~~family engagement activities (with particular attention to families of different groups represented in the school demographics~~parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background~~). The school district~~division~~ will use the findings ~~of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities~~ to design strategies for

more effective ~~parental involvement~~family engagement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the inclusion of families involvement of parents) its ~~parental involvement~~family engagement ~~plans~~olicies. The division will take the following actions to conduct the evaluation:

- a. All Title I schools will conduct an annual school update and an end of the year review evaluation through the National Network of Partnership Schools in June of each year in order to determine the level of participation and to identify barriers that have prevented participation.
 - b. Each building principal will use the annual update and ~~evaluation~~review as baseline data for the upcoming year and establish a ~~parental involvement~~family engagement participation goal for the next school year.
 - c. As part of the ~~Continuous Improvement Plan~~Plan for Continuous Improvement, each school will develop and implement strategies to increase ~~parental involvement~~family engagement based on survey data.
 - d. The Title I ~~Family~~Parent Review Committee will be representative of the following stakeholders such as: economically disadvantaged, disabled, limited English proficiency, limited literacy, or any racial or ethnic minority background.
6. Virginia Beach City Public Schools will build the schools' and ~~parents'~~families' capacity for strong ~~parental involvement~~family engagement, ~~in order~~ to ensure effective involvement of ~~families~~parents, ~~and to~~ support a partnership among the school involved, ~~families~~parents,

and the community ~~to and improve~~ student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

- a. The school ~~district-division~~ will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to ~~familiesparents~~ of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph -
 - the State's academic content standards,
 - the State's student academic achievement standards,
 - the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
 - the requirements of Title I Part A,
 - how to monitor their child's progress, and
 - how to work with educators.
- b. Virginia Beach City Public Schools will establish dates on the school calendar for parent/teacher conferences.
- c. School ~~and/or individual teacher~~ websites and/or newsletters will provide information to ~~familiesparents~~ such as: schedules, ~~class work,~~ homework,academic supports, school events, supply lists, and contact information.

- d. The division's ~~parental involvement~~family engagement plan will be available on the division website.
 - e. Dates for progress reports and report cards will be included in the student handbook and on the division website.
 - f. Information regarding how to access ~~division curriculum and~~ state standards will be available ~~in each student handbook and~~ on the division website through course guides.
7. The school ~~division~~district will, with the assistance of its schools, provide materials and training to ~~help parents~~support families work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster ~~parental involvement~~family engagement, by:
- a. Offering family ~~literacy and math night~~ activities/events developed by the Title I ~~resource staff and teachers a~~nd aligned to the needs of the school's outlined in the school's Title I plan.
 - b. ~~Offering parenting skills workshops at each Title I school.~~
8. The school ~~district~~division will, with the assistance of its schools and ~~families~~parents, educate its teachers, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with ~~families~~parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of ~~parents~~families, and in how to implement and coordinate ~~parent programs and build ties between parents and~~

~~school~~effective parental involvement~~family engagement,~~
by:

- a. Conducting trainings ~~an in-service~~ on family
and community outreach with Title I staff.
- ~~b. Joining the National Network of Partnership
Schools and participating in the training offered
at all Title I schools.~~

9. The school ~~division~~strict will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate ~~parental involvement~~family engagement programs and activities to support early childhood programs by: ~~such as, but not limited to, Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:~~

- a. Providing early literacy outreach for parents and children ages 2-5.
- b. Developing a series of family engagement events and reading and math night activities that are funded by the with Title I, Part A grant. Parental Involvement funds.
- c. Offering information in accordance with federal guidelines for sSupplemental eEducation sServices, if appropriate.

~~10. T~~The school ~~district~~division will take the following actions to

~~10.~~ ensure ~~that~~ information related to the school and ~~family parent~~-programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to ~~the families~~parents of participating children in an ~~understandable and uniform format, including in~~ alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language ~~the~~ parents can understand:

- a. Virginia Beach City Public Schools will establish dates on the school calendar for parent/teacher conferences. The school calendar will be available on the division website ~~and in the student handbook~~.
- b. Upcoming programs and events will be listed on the division website or in the school's individual newsletter.
- c. School ~~and individual teacher~~ websites or newsletters will provide information such as: schedules, ~~class work, homework~~, school events, supply lists, and contact information.
- d. The division's ~~parental involvement~~family engagement plan ~~policy~~ will be available ~~in each student handbook and~~ on the division website.
- e. Dates for progress reports and ~~week~~ report cards will be included ~~in the student handbook and~~ on the division website.
- f. Information regarding ~~how to access division~~ curriculum and state standards will be available ~~in each student handbook and~~ on the division website.

Legal Reference

Code of Virginia, § 22.1-253.13:1, as amended. Standard 1. Instructional programs supporting the Standards of Learning and other educational objectives.

Virginia Board of Education Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia, 8 VAC 20-131- *et seq.*, as amended.

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Section 1118 ~~Parental Involvement~~Family engagement.

Virginia Beach City Public Schools Website: [www.vbschools.com/No Child Left Behind/Standard of Learning/Community Involvement.](http://www.vbschools.com/No Child Left Behind/Standard of Learning/Community Involvement)

Related Links

School Board [**Policy 2-42**](#)

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