

LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY
PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS AND OBJECTIVES

The Lind-Ritzville Cooperative School Districts agree to implement the following statutory requirements:

- A. **Involve parents and family members** in jointly developing the local educational agency's Title I, Part A plan under section 1112, and the development of school support and improvement plans under section 1111(d).

The Board recognizes that parental involvement contributes to the achievement of academic standards by students participating in district programs. The board views the education of students as a cooperative effort among school, parents, and our community. The board expects that its schools will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with the statutory definition of parental involvement. Parental involvement includes, but is not limited to the participation of parents in regular two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning, including ensuring that parents:

- Play an integral role in assisting in their child's learning;
- Work collaboratively with staff to develop the district and school's Title 1 plan;
- Are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education;
- Are full partners in their child's education. Are included in decision-making and participate on advisory committees to assist in the education of our students.

- B. **Provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary** to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools within the LEA in planning and implementing effective parent and family involvement activities. These activities must improve student academic achievement and school performance, which may include meaningful consultation with employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations, or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents and family members in education;
- C. **Coordinate and integrate** parent and family engagement strategies to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs;
- D. **Conduct**, with the meaningful involvement of parents and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy in

improving the academic quality of all schools served under this part, including identifying—

- Barriers to greater participation by parents/families in activities authorized by this section (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background);
 - The needs of parents and family members to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers; and
 - Strategies to support successful school and family interactions;
- E. **Use the findings of such evaluation** to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental and family engagement, and to revise, if necessary, the parent and family engagement policies described in this section; and
- F. **Involve parents in the activities of the schools**, which may include establishing a parent advisory board comprised of a sufficient number and representative group of parents or family members served by the LEA to adequately represent the needs of the population. This advisory board will help develop, revise, and review the parent and family engagement policy.

PART III. ADOPTION

This LEA’s Parental and Family Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by our Parent Advisory meeting on April 18, 2018.

This policy was adopted by Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools on July 29, 2019 and will be in effect for the period of no more than five years. The LEA will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before Fall Parent Conferences.

(Signature of Authorized Official)

(Date)