



## **Title I, Part A School Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

***All Title I schools will jointly develop a written parent and family engagement policy with input from and distribution to all parents and family members. This policy describes the means for carrying out designated Title I, Part A parent and family engagement requirements.***

**Ralph J. Bunche Academy agrees to implement the following engagement practices, in keeping with Oakland Unified School District's Standards for Meaningful Family Engagement:**

### **OUSD Family Engagement Standard 1: Parent/Caregiver Education Program**

*Families are supported with parenting and child-rearing skills, understanding child and adolescent development, and setting home conditions that support children as students at each age and grade level.*

1. *Inform parents of their schools participation in the Title I Program.*
  2. *Explain the requirements of the Title 1 Program.*
  3. *Explain the parents' right to be involved in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning review, and improvement of its Title I Program.*
- *The parents' right to participate in the development of the District's Title 1 Plan. The school will jointly and regularly develop with parents a School Parent Involvement Policy in a language and format the parents and community can understand.*
  - *The school will jointly develop with parents the school's Home-School Compact as a component of its School Parent Involvement Policy.*
  - *Accessibility: parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, and must include parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students*

The school provides parents with assistance in understanding the state's academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children by:

- Ralph J. Bunche Academy helps parents gain understanding in mandatory parent orientations, individual student academic interventions, parent conferences for discipline, for truancy, for graduation requirements and general parent workshops throughout the school year.

The school supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement and engage parents in meaningful interactions with the school by:

- Ralph J. Bunche Academy educates staff during periodic presentations and training by SSC members and parent coordinators as an ongoing part of professional development.

### **OUSD Family Engagement Standard 2: Communication with Parents and Caregivers**

*Families and school staff engage in regular, two-way, meaningful communication about student learning.*

The school communicates to families about the School Parent and Family Engagement Policy by:

- Convening an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation in Title I, Part A and to explain the program requirements and the right of parents to be involved.

The school communicates to families about the school's Title I, Part A programs by:

- Ralph J. Bunche will send out meeting notifications regarding monthly SSC meetings to keep families informed of Ralph J. Bunche Academy's Title 1 program.

The school communicates to families about the curriculum used at the school, the assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet by:

- Ralph J. Bunche helps parents gain understanding in mandatory parent orientations, individual student academic interventions, parent conferences for discipline, for truancy, for graduation requirements and general parent workshops throughout the school year.

The school distributes information related to school and parent programs, meetings, school reports, and other activities to parents in a format and language that the parents understand by:

- Ralph J. Bunche distributes materials to help parents gain understanding in mandatory parent orientations, back to school nights, report card pickup nights, individual student academic interventions, newsletters, parent conferences for:
  - Discipline
  - Attendance
  - Truancy
  - Graduation requirements
  - General parent workshops throughout the school year.

### **OUSD Family Engagement Standard 3: Parent Volunteering Program**

*Families are actively involved as volunteers and audiences at the school or in other locations to support students and school programs.*

The school provides opportunities for families to volunteer in classrooms and other school activities by:

- Parents/family members are invited to participate and be part of our monthly SSC meetings. We have an open door policy where parents/family members can visit the classroom at any time.

### **OUSD Family Engagement Standard 4: Learning at Home**

*Families are involved with their children in learning activities at home, including homework and other curriculum-linked activities and decisions.*

The school provides parents with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement by:

- *New student enrollment includes providing materials and training on improving academic achievement. The trainings continue through the Supplemental Educational Services presentations, parent conferences and Parent Workshops*

## **OUSD Family Engagement Standard 5: Shared Power and Decision Making**

*Families and school staff are equal partners in decisions that affect children and families and together inform, influence, and create policies, practices, and programs.*

With the assistance of parents, the school educates staff members in the value of parent contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners by:

- Ralph J. Bunche Academy educates staff during periodic presentations and trainings by SSC members and parent coordinators as an ongoing part of professional development.

The school provides opportunities for regular meetings with a flexible schedule that allows parents to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children by:

- Ralph J. Bunche encourages parent participation by phone and invitations to parent meetings, i.e., Back to School Night, Open House, Multi-Cultural festivities, Harambee and Students Awards Ceremony. We also incorporate outreach to parents for our regular school program and after school program. We have monthly SSC and Annual Title 1 meetings to get input from families on school outcomes and reforms. The administration and the support staff (agencies) will make home visits as needed.

The school involves parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I, Part A programs and the School Parent and Family Engagement Policy by:

- Ralph J. Bunche coordinates and integrates parental involvement activities throughout both our regular program and our after school program to encourage and support parents to increase participation in the education of their children.

The school provides opportunities for the participation of all parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students, by:

- Offer a flexible number of meetings for parents. Ralph J. Bunche offers parent involvement in new student orientations, Annual Title One Meetings, monthly SSC meetings, back to school nights, report card pickup nights, Parent Newsletters, periodic mailings, parents' notices sent by students, and School Messenger for school wide announcements.

The school provides support for parent and family engagement activities requested by parents by:

- Handing out a survey to indicate what activities they would like to see at the site. We have Harambee every Wednesday.

## **OUSD Family Engagement Standard 6: Community Collaboration and Resources**

*Coordinate resources and services for families, students, and the school with businesses, agencies, and other groups, and provide services to the community.*

The school coordinates and integrates the Title I, Part A parent and family engagement program with other programs and activities, such as parent resource centers, to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

- Ralph J. Bunche Academy coordinates and integrates parental involvement activities throughout both our regular program and our after school program to encourage and support parents to increase participation in the education of their children

**Adoption**

This policy was adopted by the Ralph J. Bunche Academy on 8/23/2022 and will be in effect for the period of August 8, 2022 through May 30, 2023.

**The school will distribute this policy to all parents on or before September 30, 2022.**

**Principal: Dwayne Bartholomew**

**Signature: *Dwayne Bartholomew***

**Date: 8/23/22**