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SCHOOL, PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

All check boxes marked in this policy indicate an assurance on the part of the school.

Type of Title I.A program

- Schoolwide
 Targeted

- This school parent and family engagement policy is developed jointly with, distributed to, and agreed on with parents of participating children, including parents of migrant and EL children. *Section 1116 (b)(1)*

Describe how the school seeks and obtains the agreement of parents to the parent and family engagement policy.

Armstrong seeks and obtains parental agreement through multiple forms of outreach. In addition to sharing the parent and family engagement policy and soliciting feedback via electronic newsletters and social media, Armstrong also shares and invites feedback on the policy at multiple meetings and events.

- Parents are notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format. *Section 1116(b)(1)*
- The school parent and family engagement policy is provided in a language the parents can understand. *Section 1116(b)(1)*

POLICY INVOLVEMENT

- At the beginning of the school year, the school convenes an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children are invited and encouraged to attend. *Section 1116 (c)(1)*
- The agenda reflects that the purpose of the meeting is
- To inform parents of their school's participation in the Title I.A program
 - To explain the requirements of Title I.A
 - To explain the right of parents to be involved.
- Section 1116 (c)(1)*

- The school offers a flexible number of meetings. *Section 1116 (c)(2)*
- Using Title I.A funds, to promote parental involvement the school provides (check all that apply)
- Transportation
 - Child care
 - Home visits
 - Funds will not be utilized for these purposes
- Section 1116 (c)(2)*

The school involves parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way:

- In the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I.A program and if applicable Schoolwide program plan in the school. *Section 1116 (c)(3)*

Describe how parents are involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I.A program and if applicable Schoolwide program plan in the school.

Armstrong staff and PTA members work collaboratively to conduct parent meetings and discussion forums that focus on planning, reviewing, and improving Title I programming. Parents also are asked to provide input via surveys both via email and at different events.

- In the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy. *Section 1116 (c)(3)*

Describe how parents are involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy.

Armstrong shares and invites parents to participate in planning, reviewing, and improving the school parent and family engagement policy at multiple meetings and events. Parents are also invited to provide feedback via surveys and email.

The school provides parents of participating children:

- Timely information about the Title I.A programs. *Section 1116 (c)(4)(A)*

Describe plans to provide information about the Title I.A programs.

Title I.A programming information is provided at both virtual and in-person meetings. Information is posted and shared directly with families online as well so that it is easily accessible at all times.

- A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments that are used to measure progress, and the achievement levels of the MAP assessment.
Section 1116 (c)(4)(B)

Describe methods and plans to provide a description and explanation of the curriculum, academic assessments, and MAP achievement levels.

Armstrong hosts Curriculum Nights for families each semester that provide a description and explanation of the curriculum and MAP assessment information. Information about curriculum and assessments is also shared at other events, including Open House and Parent Teacher Conferences. MAP results and explanations are also shared via U.S. postal mail with families.

Opportunities, as appropriate, to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. *Section 1116 (c)(4)(C)*

Responses to their suggestions as soon as possible. *Section 1116 (c)(4)(C)*

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIGH STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

School-Parent Compact

The School-Parent Compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards. *Section 1116 (d)*

The school jointly develops with parents of Title I.A served children the school-parent compact.

The school-parent compact will

Describe the ways in which all parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning. *Section 1116 (d)(1)*

Parents will be asked to read nightly with their children and ensure students complete homework assignments. Parents will be asked to review school newsletters and attend family involvement events when possible, such as Curriculum Nights and Parent Teacher Conferences. Parents will be asked to share their feedback and communicate with school staff members regularly. Parents are asked to ensure their children meet the state's required 90/90 attendance goal.

Describe the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment. *Section 1116 (d)(1)*

Armstrong will provide high-quality instruction for all students. Armstrong will provide students with individualized supports and enrichment opportunities. Armstrong will ensure all students and families feel supported and cared about. Armstrong will communicate regularly with families regarding students' progress.

Addresses the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum

Conducting parent-teacher conferences at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed

Issuing frequent reports to parents on their children's progress

Providing reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer, and observation of classroom activities

Ensuring regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff, and, in a language that family members can understand

Section 1116 (d)(2)(A) (B),(C),(D)

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR INVOLVEMENT

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, the school

- Provides assistance to parents, as appropriate, in understanding
 - o the Missouri Learning Standards,
 - o the Missouri Assessment Program,
 - o local assessments,
 - o how to monitor a child's progress, and
 - o how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.*Section 1116 (e)(1)*

Describe plans to provide assistance.

Armstrong hosts Curriculum Nights for families each semester that provide a description and explanation of the Missouri Learning Standards, local and state assessments, and how they relate to district curricula. During these events and at other parental involvement events, Armstrong will also ensure families know how to monitor children's progress and how to work effectively with educators to improve students' achievement. Armstrong will also provide this information to families virtually.

- Provides materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement. *Section 1116 (e)(2)*

Describe plans to provide materials and training.

Armstrong will purchase supplemental materials, such as novels, flashcards, and literacy kits, to help parents work with their children to improvement achievement. Workshops will also be provided for families so that they can better support their children throughout the school year and summer to decrease learning gaps.

- Educates teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school. *Section 1116 (e)(3)*

Describe plans to educate school personnel regarding working with parents.

School personnel will be provided with professional development workshop opportunities focused on effective communication and partnership with families.

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, the school

- To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinates and integrates parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conducts other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. *Section 1116 (e)(4)*

Describe plans to coordinate and integrate.

Armstrong coordinates programming with other departments and organizations, including the Hazelwood Early Childhood and Parents as Teachers departments. Armstrong also works with diverse community partners to provide supplemental supports for families. Examples of partnerships include Hazelwood Baptist Church providing Thanksgiving meals and Christmas gifts to families, Roberson Fire Department reading with students, and St. Louis County library providing literacy opportunities.

- Ensures that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, in a language the parents can understand. *Section 1116 (e)(5)*
- Provides reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request. *Section 1116 (e)(14)*

Optional additional assurances

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, the school: (optional; check if applicable)

- Involves parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of parent involvement training. *Section 1116 (e)(6)*
- Provides necessary literacy training from Title I funds if the local educational agency has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for literacy training. *Section 1116 (e)(7)*
- Pays reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions. *Section 1116 (e)(8)*
- Trains parents to enhance the involvement of other parents. *Section 1116 (e)(9)*
- Arranges school meetings at a variety of times, or conducts in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation. Adopts and implements model approaches to improving parental involvement. *Section 1116 (e)(10)*
- May adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement. *Section 1116 (e)(11)*
- Establishes a districtwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I programs. *Section 1116 (e)(12)*
- May develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities. *Section 1116 (e)(13)*

ACCESSIBILITY

In carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements of the Title I program, the school, to the extent practicable,

- Provides opportunities for the informed participation of parents and family members, including:
 - Parent and family members who have limited English proficiency.
 - Parent and family members with disabilities.
 - Parent and family members of migratory children.
- Provides information and school reports in a format and, in a language parents understand. *Section 1116 (f)*

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