

Policy: 4130
Section: 4000 - Community Relations

Title I Parent and Family Engagement

The board recognizes that parent and family engagement helps students participating in Title I programs achieve academic standards. To promote parent and family engagement, the board adopts the following policy, which describes how the district will involve parents and family members of Title I students in developing and implementing the district's Title I programs.

District-Wide Parent and Family Engagement

The district will do the following to promote parent and family engagement:

- A. The district will involve parents and family members in jointly developing the district's Title I plan. *(Describe how the district will involve parents and family members, for example, holding an annual meeting, giving parents and opportunity to review the plan, inviting parent comments, etc.)*
- B. The district will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools within the district in the planning and implementing of effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
- C. The district will conduct, with the meaningful involvement of parents and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this policy in improving the academic quality of all Title I schools. At that meeting, the following will be identified:
 1. Barriers to greater participation by parents in Title I activities;
 2. The needs of parents and family members to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers; and
 3. Strategies to support successful school and family interactions.

The district will use the findings from the annual evaluation to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise this policy if necessary.

The district will facilitate removing barriers to parental involvement by doing the following: *(Describe how the district will facilitate removing barriers, for example, conducting joint parent meetings with other programs, holding meetings at various times of the day and evening, arranging for in home conferences. Title I funds may be used to facilitate parent attendance at meetings by payment of transportation and childcare costs).*

- D. The district will involve parents of Title I student in decisions about how the Title I funds reserved for parent and family engagement are spent. The district must use Title I funds reserved for parent and family engagement for at least one of the reasons specified in 20 U.S.C. § 6318(a)(3)(D).
- E. The district and each of the schools within the district providing Title I services will do the following to support a partnership among schools, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement:
 1. Provide assistance to parents of Title I students, as appropriate, in understanding the following topics:
 - a. Washington's challenging academic standards;

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- b. State and local academic assessments, including alternate assessments;
 - c. The requirements of Title I;
 - d. How to monitor their child's progress; and
 - e. How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.
2. Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement. *(Describe the materials and training that will be provided, for example, giving guidance as to how parents can assist at home in the education of their child, holding parent meetings at various times of the day and evening to provide parents, providing opportunities for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, submitting parent comments about the program to the district, and providing parents with opportunities to meet with the classroom and Title I, Part A teachers to discuss their child's progress.)*
 3. Educate 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 how to do the following:
 - a. Reach out, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners;
 - b. Implement and coordinate parent programs; and
 - c. Build ties between parents and the school.
 4. Coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies, to the extent feasible and appropriate, with similar strategies used under other programs, such as:
 - a. Head Start;
 - b. Even Start;
 - c. Learning Assistance Program;
 - d. Special Education; and
 - e. State-operated preschool programs.
 5. Ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children. The information will be provided in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

(Describe how the district will provide the information, for example, school bulletin, website, beginning of school information, etc.)

School-Based Parent and Family Engagement Policies

Each school offering Title I services will have a separate parent and family engagement policy, which will be developed with parents and family members of Title I students. Parents and family members will receive notice of their school's parent and family engagement policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

Each school-based policy will describe how each school will do the following:

- A. Convene an annual meeting at a convenient time, to which all parents of Title I students will be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their schools' participation under Title I, to

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