



School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

J.W. Wiseman

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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, JWW receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

J.W. Wiseman agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

- Involve families, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the school improvement plan under Section 1114(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of families and the school, distribute it to the families of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of families with limited English proficiency, families with disabilities, and families of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language families understand.

- If the school improvement plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA is not satisfactory to the families of participating children, submit any family comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.
- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:
Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of families in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:
 - (A) families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
 - (B) families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
 - (C) families 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) other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA.

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

J.W. Wiseman will take the following actions to involve families in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by families, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

- A parent Interest Survey is distributed during registration nights in August. The parental feedback is used to help plan a variety of family engagement activities throughout the year. The JWW Parent and Family Engagement Policy is also shared allowing parents to provide suggestions for its improvement. At the end of the year, another interest survey is conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of the Title I program.

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

J.W. Wiseman will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all families of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the families' requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact.

- The annual meeting is scheduled for Sep 25, 2025 and will inform families about the Title I requirements, the school's participation in the program and their rights. During the meeting,

information about federal programs will be shared, and a copy of the updated Parent and Family Engagement policy will be on the school's website. This information will also be shared at the first family engagement event of the year.

COMMUNICATIONS

J.W.Wiseman will take the following actions to provide families of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title I programs
- Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, child care or home visits, as such services relate to parent and family engagement.
- Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the families of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the families can understand:
- The JWW Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be posted on our school's website. Invitations to family engagement events will be distributed via hard copies, through Remind Messages, classroom newsletters, and on social media. Spanish translations will be provided on the back of all invitations. Interpreters will also be available at all family engagement events.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

J.W.Wiseman will take the following actions to jointly develop with families of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how families, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and families will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

- The school leadership team will promote collaboration among staff, students, and families in developing the school-parent compact. The team will work together to identify key goals from the school improvement plan and make any necessary revisions to the compact. We will ensure that all stakeholders are meeting their commitments and celebrate our successes together.

RESERVATION OF FUNDS

If applicable, J.W. Wiseman will take the following actions to involve the families of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent and family engagement is spent by:

- During the Title I planning team meeting, budgets are reviewed. Parent interest surveys and evaluation surveys help guide the allocation of parent engagement funds.

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

J.W. Wiseman will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support families in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

- Various community partners, including law enforcement, fire departments, the public library, the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and local retailers are invited to all parent and family engagement events. Additionally, local businesses often contribute by donating items for our family engagement and special events.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF

J.W. Wiseman will provide training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of families, in the value and utility of contributions of families, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with families as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between families and the school by:

- School leadership attends national conferences focused on trauma-informed instruction, technology and evidence based practices to enhance training and improve outcomes for every student.

J.W. Wiseman will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as families may request by:

- Providing Translators and interpreters to assist our EL and hearing impaired families.
- Families are also provided with educational games, books, and other activities for additional practice at home.

DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY COMPONENT

- Provide necessary literacy training for families from Title I, Part A funds if the school has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training.
- Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parent and family engagement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable families to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- Train families to enhance the engagement of other families.
- To maximize parent and family engagement and participation in their child's education, arrange school meetings at a variety of times or conduct in-home conferences with teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children and families who are unable to attend conferences at school.
- Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent and family engagement
- Establish a districtwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parent and family engagement in Title I, Part A programs.
- Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parent and family engagement activities.