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Title I Pleasant Valley Intermediate School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

The Title I Parent and Family Engagement section of the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA), Section 1116(b) requires each Title I school to develop a written parent and family engagement policy that describes the means for carrying out the requirements of Section 1116. The school must ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of Title I children in a format and in a language the parents can understand.

The policy must be:

- Developed jointly with and agreed upon by parents and family members of Title I children;
- Written in an understandable format and provided in a language parents can understand;
- Distributed to all parents and family members of Title I children;
- Made available to the local community; and
- Updated annually to meet the changing needs of parents, family members, and the school.

Parent and family members will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy (*ESSA, Section 1116 (b) (1)*) by:

- Evaluating annually at the Parent Title I Spring meeting with parent and family input
- Posting to the district's publicly accessible website for review
- Distributing in writing to all parents and family members

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School will convene annual parent meetings at a convenient time:

- All parents and family members of participating members shall be invited through multiple means (phone call, flyers sent home, email) and encouraged to attend.
- The meetings will be used to inform parents of Pleasant Valley Intermediate's participation as a Title I school.
- The meetings will be used to explain the requirements of Title I and the rights of parents to be involved. (*ESSA, Section 1116 (c) (1)*). Information about the School-wide Plan will also be shared. The information will be shared in a timely manner, with meetings being held at the beginning of the school year and in the spring of the school year.
- Information on the School-wide Title I program will also be distributed at the Parent and Family Engagement events held.

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School will offer meetings at varying times, in the morning and in the evening (*ESSA, Section 1116 (c) (2)*)

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School will involve parents, in an organized and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I program, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parent and family engagement program (*ESSA, Section 1116 (c) (3)*):

- The parent and family engagement policy will be reviewed during the Parent Title I Meetings.
- Parents will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the current parent and family engagement program as well as provide suggestions for future parent and family engagement events during the Parent Title I meetings. They will also have the opportunity to do so in the annual survey sent to parents each spring, with a survey link on the school website.

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School will provide parents of participating children with timely information about the Title I Program (*ESSA, Section 1116 (c) (4) (A)*)

- Information in writing about Title I and the building Title I Program will be provided at Parent Title I Meetings as well as on the District's publicly accessible website.
- Information about Title I and the building Title I Program will be explained at Parent Title I Meetings
- Information about Title I will be provided at Parent and Family Engagement Events.

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School will provide parents of participating children with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards (*ESSA, Section 1116 (c) (4) (B)*):

- K-6 Student /Parent Handbook (sent home and on district website)
- Information provided at Parent Title I Meetings
- Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) results sent home to parents
- Benchmark Assessment Results sent home to parents
- Academic and assessment information shared during parent/teacher conferences
- Progress reports and report cards are sent home via paper or electronically.

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School will provide, if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible. (*ESSA, Section 1116 (c) (4) (C)*)

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School will involve parents and family members in the joint development of the School-wide Program Plan under Section 1114 per ESSA (*ESSA, Section 1116 (5)*):

- Parents will be surveyed annually for input on the building Title I Program via a survey. A paper copy will be sent home and will also be available on the district website.
- Parents will be invited to attend the School-wide planning meeting via invitational flyers, phone calls, and emails to attend the annual review and revision of the School-wide plan. It is also listed on the district calendar.
- Parents will be provided a copy of the School-wide Plan at parent meetings.
- The School-wide plan is posted on the school website.

A school parent-compact will be jointly developed with parents and family members. The compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share in the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and the parents will build and develop partnerships to help children achieve the State's high standards. The compact shall:

- Describe the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children served under this part to meet the challenging State academic standards, and the ways in which each parent will be responsible for supporting their children's learning; volunteering in their child's classroom; and participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and positive use of extracurricular time (*ESSA, Section (d) (1)*); and
- Address the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis, through, at a minimum-
    - Parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child's achievement
    - Frequent reports to parents on their child's progress
    - Reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of classroom activities; and ensuring regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that the family can understand (*ESSA, Section 1116 (d) (2) (A-D)*)

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School will assist parents and family members in understanding the challenging State Academic Standards, State and local academic assessments, and how to monitor their child's progress and work with teachers to improve the achievement of their children. (*ESSA, Section 1116 (c) (4) (A)*).

- Information on academics that address the state standards will be provided at the parent Title I meetings held in the Fall and Spring.
- Parent/ Teacher conferences are held during the school day and in the evening
- Parents have access to the PowerSchool SIS, where they can view their child's attendance, schedule, discipline, and report card grades. An instruction guide for navigating the website is available on the district website.
- Resources for parents are available on the district website

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, including education about the harms of copyright piracy, as appropriate, to foster parent engagement (*ESSA, Section 1116 (6) (e) (1)*).

- District Family Engagement Series offered to all parents and families of Pleasant Valley School District (covers topics such as substance abuse, overscheduling children, internet safety, bullying, stopping the summer slide, etc.) Information on these events is shared on the district website as well as by mass phone messages sent out to the district.
- Information will be shared with parents during Title I Parent Meetings on how to help their children improve their academic achievement
- Information will be shared with parents during Parent/ Teacher Conferences on how to help their children improve their academic achievement
- Resources available on the school website.

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School will educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents and family members, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents and family members as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between family members and the school (*ESSA, Section 1116 (6) (e) (3)*).

- Information will be provided and presented by Title I administrators and/or building administrators
- State Parent Advisory Council Training Videos will be used to train teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, and other staff

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate, and integrate parent engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State and local programs including public preschool programs and conduct other activities, that encourage and support parents and family members in more fully participating in the education of their children (*ESSA, Section 1116 (6) (e) (4)*).

- The district Social Worker is utilized as a liaison to local, state, and federal resources.
- Pleasant Valley partners and collaborates with the following organizations, which assist in providing information and resources for parents, as well as ideas for district family engagement opportunities:
    - ❏ Monroe County Suicide Coalition
    - ❏ Lehigh Valley Health Network
    - ❏ Monroe County Pathways Coalition- a unified effort to prepare children for college or trade school
    - ❏ State Police, FBI, and Homeland Security (address issues such as internet safety)

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School will ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents and family members of participating children in a format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents and family members can understand (*ESSA, Section 1116 (6) (e) (5)*).

- The district website has a “Translate” option
- Translators are provided as needed
- Transperfect Consortium - IU20

Pleasant Valley Intermediate School, to the extent practicable, will provide opportunities for the informed participation of parents and family members (including parents and family members who have limited English Proficiency, parents and family members with disabilities, and parents and family members of migratory children) (*ESSA, Section 1116 (7) (f)*).

- Accommodations are provided as needed by the building administration and staff.
- We provide various means of communication (visual, verbal, and written)
- TransPerfect is used to translate documents into any language and provide translators
- Staff members volunteer to translate.
- Google Translate is used.
- When demand exists, free English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes are available to both parents of students and the general public.