Anne Wien Elementary SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

As authorized under ESEA, as amended

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Overview

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, **Fairbanks North Star Borough School District** 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)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended. The policy establishes the district's expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family involvement and describes how the district will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities.

The Fairbanks North Star School District agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined in Section 1116 of the ESEA, as amended:

- Involve parents, 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 schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended. [§1116(c)(3)]
- Update the school parent and family member policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents and family members of participating children, and make the parental involvement policy available to the local community. [§1116(b)(1)]
- In carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements of this part, local educational agencies and schools, to the extent practicable, shall 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), including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESEA, as amended, in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents understand. [§1116(e)(4)]
- If the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b)(2) of the ESEA, as amended, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the district. [§1116(c)(5)]
- The school district will be governed by the following definition of parental involvement and expects that its Title I, Part A schools will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:
    - Parent Involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—
        - that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
        - that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
        - that parents 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
        - the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1116. [§8101(39)]

Required Parent and Family Engagement Policy Components

Joint Development

Anne Wien Elementary will take the following actions to involve parents and family members in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I, Part A programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by parents, 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.

Describe/List how parents and family members will be involved in the development of the school parent and family engagement plan and how parents will be involved in the planning, review and improvement of parental involvement programs.

- Parent representatives are involved in Titlewide Meetings:
  - September 18, 2025 (Family Engagement)
  - February 26, 2026 (FY26 Evaluation & FY27 Needs Assessment)
- Annual Title I Parent Meeting: October 7, 2025, 4:30 pm
- Parent feedback surveys are distributed, collected, and reviewed at the end of each Family Engagement Event (minimum 3 times per year)
- Title I Parent Surveys are distributed, collected, and summarized twice per year: fall and spring semesters.

Annual Title I, Part A Meeting

Anne Wien Elementary will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I, Part A program, the nature of the Title I, Part A program, the parents' requirements, the school parent and family policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact.

Describe/List when the school will hold the Annual Title I meeting to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the parent's rights to be involved.

Survey
Anne Wien distributes a survey in the Fall ("Fall Title I Parent Survey") to provide parents the opportunity to give input into preferred days/times for the Annual Title I Parent meeting as well as family engagement activities throughout the year.

Communication/Invitation
The Title I Parent Meeting is noticed to parents using multiple outreach methods, including the Parent Square Newsletter and Facebook.

Meeting Date
October 7, 2025, 4:30pm

Communications

Anne Wien Elementary will take the following actions to provide parents of participating children the following:

- Timely information about Title I, Part A 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 parental involvement.
- A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards.
- 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.
- Information related to the school and parent and family member programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

Describe/List *how the parent and family engagement plan will be distributed* to parents and family members and how the school is going to communicate with parents and family members, including information about *how the school will provide information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities* to parents in a format, to the extent practicable, and *in a language that parents can understand*.

Anne Wien's Family Engagement Plan and information regarding family activities and meetings are distributed to families via:

- Electronic newsletters
- Social media/Facebook
- Anne Wien Website
- In-person Title I family nights
- Parent/Teacher conferences
- PTA-sponsored events
- Other school activities, such as the annual Back To School event

School-Parent Compact

Anne Wien Elementary will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that 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.

Describe/List the process the school will follow to develop with parents a school-parent compact jointly.

- Fall Review
  - Anne Wien's Title I Team, with parent representation reviewed the School-Parent-Student Compact at the Fall Titlewide Meeting on September 18, 2025
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
  - School-Parent-Student Compacts are distributed and reviewed with parents during the Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences; October 30 & 31, 2025
- Additional Distribution
  - School-Parent-Student Compacts are included in the weekly newsletter following the Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences to ensure families who were not able to attend in person have an opportunity to review and give feedback on the Compact.
- Input and Feedback
  - Parent/Family input on the Compact is collected throughout the year and considered for subsequent revisions

Reservation of Funds

The Anne Wien Elementary will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental and family engagement is spent. *(Only applicable to districts with an allocation of $500,000 or more.)*

- Funds reserved under this section by the district agency shall be used to carry out activities and strategies consistent with the district's parent and family engagement policy, including not less than 1 of the following:
  - (i) Supporting schools and nonprofit organizations in providing professional development for local educational agencies and school personnel regarding parent and family engagement strategies, which may be provided jointly to teachers, principals, other school leaders, specialized instructional support personnel, paraprofessionals, early childhood educators, and parents and family members.
  - (ii) Supporting programs that reach parents and family members at home, in the community, and at school.
  - (iii) Disseminating information on best practices focused on parent and family engagement, especially best practices for increasing the engagement of economically disadvantaged parents and family members.
  - (iv) Collaborating, or providing subgrants to schools to enable such schools to collaborate with community-based or other organizations or employers with a record of success in improving and increasing parent and family engagement.
  - (v) Engaging in any other activities and strategies that the local educational agency determines are appropriate and consistent with such agency's parent and family engagement policy.

Describe/List how the school will involve parents in the decision-making about how the 1% reservation of Title I, Part A funds is spent.

- Anne Wien Parent representatives are involved in multiple Titlewide Meetings where the school's needs assessment is developed and corresponding plans are discussed:
  - September 18, 2025 (Family Engagement)
  - February 26, 2026 (FY26 Evaluation & FY27 Needs Assessment)
- Anne Wien shares how the 1% reservation of Title I, Part A funds are used through
  - PTA Meetings
  - Newsletters
  - Annual Title I Parent Meeting October 7, 2025, 4:30pm
- Feedback is continuously requested and collaborative efforts support decision-making
- Parent Partners are on all Anne Wien school teams where decisions are made for students

Coordination

Anne Wien Elementary will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies under Title I, Part A with parent and family engagement strategies, to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs.

Describe/List how the school will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies with other relevant programs, organizations, businesses, and community partners to provide additional support and resources to families.

- Anne Wien coordinates with the following Federal and State Programs and staff:
  - 21st Century Community Learning Centers After School Program
  - English Learner Program
  - Migrant Education Program
  - McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison
  - Foster Care Liaison
  - Special Education to ensure eligible students and families are receiving IEP services
  - Nutrition Services: Free/Reduced Lunch Program
  - JOM
- Community partners include
  - University of Alaska Fairbanks
  - UAF Museum of the North
  - Noel Wien Library
  - Fairbanks Science Community

Building Capacity of Parents and Family Members

Anne Wien Elementary will build the parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership between the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Providing parents and family members 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 proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
- Providing parents and family members materials and training to help parents to 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 parental involvement
- Providing assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the following:
    - The challenging State academic standards.
    - The State and local academic assessments.
    - The requirements of Title I, Part A.
    - How to monitor a child's progress.
    - How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.

Describe/List activities, such as workshops, conferences, classes, online resources, and any equipment or other materials that may be necessary to support parents and family members in helping their student's academic success.

Supporting families is the school's lens when planning family engagement activities. Each family engagement activity or event includes an activity, resources or components aligned to the standards for families to use and practice at home. The resources and strategies are modeled for families at the event and follow-up is provided. If families are unable to attend an event in-person, we strive to share the strategies through electronic newsletters and social media.

- Anne Wien's Title I Family Engagement Activities (2025-2026)
    - Family Career Days- November 24, 25, 26, 2025
    - Science Night- February 26, 2026
    - Museum/ASP- April 17, 2026
- Literacy and Math Resources to use at home
- Annual Title I Parent Meeting
- Title I Annual Parent Meeting includes information on curriculum and assessments
- Curriculum and assessment information available on the school and district websites

Building Capacity of School Staff

Anne Wien Elementary will, with the assistance of its parents, educate its teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, other school leaders, and other staff on how to reach out to, communicate, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools.

Describe/List activities such as workshops, conferences, trainings, webinars, and online resources that will be used with school staff to build their capacity to work with parents as equal partners.

Anne Wien's Title I Plan includes supporting school staff -classroom teachers, instructional coach, tutors, and leadership- in building their capacity to effectively work with parents. The following trainings and conferences include parent engagement components:

- Staff participating in District-provided training and professional development
- Staff participation at the Titlewide Meeting-Family Engagement (September 18, 2025)
- Staff participation at State and National Conferences (National ESEA, Alaska MTSS-Effective Instruction, Alaska Science of Reading Symposium)
- Due to our strong partnership with the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), we received the National PTA 2023-2025 PTA School of Excellence Award

- Active use of effective school-level parent engagement strategies
    - Staff involvement and input into the design and implementation of Family Engagement activities and events
    - Staff communication with parents using multiple modalities, including
        - email
        - phone calls
        - in-person scheduled meetings
        - Parent Square
    - Staff assisting parents on using literacy and math development resources at home

Anne Wien Elementary will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under Section 1116 as parents may request.

Building Capacity for Engagement – Optional

NOTE TO THE SCHOOL: The school parent and family engagement policy may include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the school district, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school and school system to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under Section 1116(e) of the ESEA, as amended:

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, each Title I, Part A school–

☐ may involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training;

☐ may provide necessary literacy training from funds received under this part if the local educational agency has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training;

☐ may pay 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;

☐ may train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;

☐ may arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation;

☐ may adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement;

☐ may establish a districtwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in programs supported under this section; and

☐ may develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities.

(Describe how each discretionary item checked above will be implemented.)

Adoption

This school parent and family member engagement policy has been developed jointly and agreed on with parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by Title I Parent Meeting on September 18, 2025.
This policy was adopted by the Anne Wien Elementary on 9/18/2025 and will be in effect for the period of 2025-2026. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before 12/22/2026.

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