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School, Parent And Family Engagement Policy Hide

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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.

Combs Intermediate School prioritizes family involvement and provides multiple opportunities for parents and caregivers to participate in the Title 1 process. Title 1 meetings are held in the fall and spring of each school year, along with family engagement activities designed to provide opportunities for families and students to engage with the school together. We make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the schedules of parents and guardians for these meetings, and feedback opportunities are given both at the conclusion of each meeting through administrator availability and through surveys for specific events. Samples of engagement events we have include game nights, movie nights, cultural celebrations, community fairs, Someone Special Dances, and other events based on student and family feedback.

Communications In Place: Infinite Campus Parent Portal, Class Dojo, Blackboard Messaging via Text/Email, School Facebook Page, School Website, Automated Attendance Calls, Marquee Sign, and Peachjar Electronic Flyers.

All FFSD parents are invited to annual engagement meetings in the Fall and Spring which includes a review of the policy, compact, and parents right to know. They are asked to review and respond to surveys. The final policy is annually agreed upon by all families through the online registration portal (OLR). It is also included in the student handbook, is sent to parent emails, and is posted on our website.

☑ Parents are notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format. *Section 1116(b)(1)*

- [x] The school parent and family engagement policy is provided in a language the parents can understand. *Section 1116(b)(1)*

POLICY INVOLVEMENT

- [x] 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)*
- [x] The agenda reflects that the purpose of the meeting is
  - [x] To inform parents of their school's participation in the Title I.A program
  - [x] To explain the requirements of Title I.A
  - [x] To explain the right of parents to be involved.

  Section 1116 (c)(1)

- [x] The school offers a flexible number of meetings. *Section 1116 (c)(2)*

- [x] Using Title I.A funds, to promote parental involvement the school provides (check all that apply)
  - [ ] Transportation
  - [ ] Child care
  - [x] 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:

- [x] 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.

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Parents are given the opportunity to review the Schoolwide Plan and provide feedback and suggestions during the Parent Needs Assessment survey.

We also receive input about various aspects of the school from parents, students and teachers through the Advanced Questionnaire survey that is also given annually.

In the Spring, data is reviewed, input is gathered and revisions are made for the next year.

- [x] 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.

Combs Intermediate School provides multiple avenues for parent input and participation in this process. Title 1 meetings are held biannually with opportunity for parent input with administration immediately following. Additionally, surveys are sent after each meeting, along with other surveys throughout the year seeking input around culture & climate, academic programming, and general needs. Additionally, the school website allows for direct communication with school and district administration.

The school provides parents of participating children:

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

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

Information will be shared with parents at the Open House held in August. The school will also post information on the website under Title I.

The annual Title I meeting is held at the beginning of every school year. During this meeting, the parents are informed of the schools participation in Title I.A., as well as explain Title I.A requirements. We state the right of parents to be involved and encourage their support and partnership. We will utilize surveys to obtain parent input and feedback at the beginning and end-of-year.

- [x] 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.

We host a curriculum night to provide information to the parents about the curriculum and academic assessments. MAP assessments are administered at this 3-5 school. Parent/Teacher conferences are also held in the fall to further communicate this information to the parents.

During the annual Fall Title I Meeting, the GLA/EOC/MAP and latest Galileo benchmark testing data is presented to parents in conjunction with our goal(s) for the year. The dates of implementation are given as well as the relevant data for each achievement level. Parents can ask any pertinent questions regarding the assessments.

Parents receive MAP scores by mail and at the building overview during the Annual Title I meeting. Info is also shared during Parent Teacher Conference and Curriculum Night.

District academic assessments are sent home quarterly. All info is available on our School website.

- [x] 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)*

Parent will:

Show interest. Ask your child daily to teach you something learned in class.
Check Homework. See that your child's homework is correct, complete, and neat.
Create a Positive Relationship with their Teacher: Attend parent-teacher events and communicate often. Should an issue or concern arise, please avoid discussing any disagreements in front of your child. Stay in touch so problems can be handled as soon as they arise.
Read. Read out loud to your child. Have your child read to you. Ask them questions about the reading Take your child to the library.
Encourage. When you see your child's progress improve - even a little - pat him/her on the back.
Have High Expectations. Let your child know that you expect the best he or she is capable of doing.
In order to support their child's learning, parents will:
-Provide opportunities and support for a minimum of 30 minutes of reading at home each day.
-Ensure student(s) arrives at school on time and prepared to learn.
-Support their student in achieving 90% attendance as measured by minutes attended.
-Monitor cell phone, social media, and other device usage to ensure positive peer relationships and behavioral expectations.
-Attend conference nights and other school activities.
-Reach out to teachers in a timely and respectful manner with any student related concerns. If concerns are not able to be resolved, reaching out to the school office to schedule an appointment to speak with building administration.
-Consistently exhibit cordial and respectful behaviors in interactions with staff and follow all established school and district procedures and protocols.
-Respond promptly and positively to any school concerns regarding interruptions to the learning environment.

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

Staff will:

Assist students in reaching their fullest potential with the belief that all children can learn and be successful.
Provide ongoing oral and written communication to parents and students regarding performance and assessment results.
Enable each student to achieve and make progress toward meeting the Missouri Learning Standards.
Assure every student access to quality learning experiences appropriate to their development.
Teach students strategies to use in order to gain competence in math and reading.
Encourage the implementation of a parent involvement policy that facilitates meaningful parent involvement.

☑ 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.

At Combs School, we host several parent nights to assist parents in learning about the MAP assessment and reading the reports. We host curriculum nights to ensure they know about our core content and how to use the Infinite Campus Parent Portal student information system to monitor their child's progress. Fall conferences are held for open feedback.

☑ 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.

Parents will receive information and support in regards to the following resources:
Parent Portal
Parents Make the Difference monthly newsletters
Home Connect through Renaissance
Conferences and communication with school staff
Curriculum Night and Title I Annual meeting
Class Dojo
Share other types and ways you'll provide materials.

- [x] 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.

During Orientation Week, staff will discuss parent involvement and communication expectations. Training on using email, text, phone, Canvas and or Class DoJo will be provided. Student Planners are discussed and disseminated as another way of communicating with students and parents.

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

- [x] 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.

Title II is used to provide core content training for teachers and parent engagement.
Title III is used to fund an EL system to support data and communication for EL families
Title IV is used to support technology for communication and SEL
McKinney Vento grant is used to fund a social worker to support the removal of barriers for homeless children and families. IDEA and SSD ensure students are in the LRE and receive needed support.

- [x] 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)*

- [x] 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)*
- [x] 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,

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

Comprehensive Needs Assessment Show

Schoolwide Program Show

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