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YES Prep Public Schools Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2026-2027 School Year
ESSA Section 1116

Statement of Purpose

YES Prep Public Schools works with students, families, and community members to help achieve strong student learning results. We recognize that parents and families have a key role as their child's first teacher and contribute to the educational process. Parents and families will take part in certain decision-making activities to help support student success.

To improve student achievement, YES Prep Public Schools receives Title I, Part A funds. As part of this requirement, we will create, agree on, and share with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy that meets Section 1116(a)(2) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This policy outlines the district's goals for parent and family engagement and explains how the district will carry out specific activities to meet these goals.

Mission & Vision

YES Prep is committed to building strong schools where staff, families, and the community work together to support student learning. We recognize that parents, families, schools, and the community each play an important role in a child's education. Through clear and consistent communication, we will maintain productive relationships that help families provide input, allow schools to address concerns, and ensure students receive the support they need to succeed.

The Family Engagement Framework outlines our approach to maintaining a steady, planned course of action to effectively serve families who choose YES Prep Public Schools for their child's education.

YES Prep Core Values

- ❖ Grow Humble Leaders
- ❖ Achieve Jaw-Dropping Results
- ❖ Build Transformative Relationships
- ❖ Create Pathways to Opportunity

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Family Associations

Required at all YES Prep campuses, a family association is a group of YES Prep families, teachers, and staff members that facilitates family participation on campus. Family associations are led by YES Prep families and family association representatives. Family association representatives are responsible for the communication and documentation of family association gatherings and volunteer projects. Each YES Prep campus is required to host monthly Family Association meetings for their YES Prep families.

ESSA Section 1116 Requirements

YES Prep Public Schools agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116 of ESSA:

- The school district will implement programs, activities, and procedures to involve parents and family members in all schools that receive Title I, Part A funds. These efforts will be developed and carried out in consultation with parents and family members of participating children.
- Consistent with Section 1116, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parent and family engagement policies meet the requirements of Section 1116(b) of the ESSA.
- When carrying out the Title I, Part A parent and family engagement requirements, the school district and its schools will make reasonable efforts to allow all families to participate in these activities.
- If the district's Title I, Part A plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will include any parent comments with the plan when submitting it to the state department of education.

YES Prep will provide annual training to all district employees on the most effective Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) strategies, as required by ESSA Section 1116. This training will:

- Equip staff with best practices for clear and effective communication between schools and families.
- Build staff capacity to engage with families and support their participation in school activities.
- Ensure compliance with Title I, Part A parent and family engagement requirements.
- Support the evaluation and continuous improvement of parent and family engagement policies and programs across all YES Prep campuses.

Policy Involvement

YES Prep campuses will jointly revise and edit the Parent Family Engagement Policy prior to the 1st annual Title I meeting. The policy will be distributed in both English and Spanish during the first Title I meeting, uploaded to the YES Prep website, and included in the campus Family Notes.

Annual Title I Meeting

YES Prep campuses will provide Title I meetings in the Fall Semester, hosting in-person meetings at Open House/Coffee with the Principal and virtual meetings at different times. Families will be notified of these meetings via the YES Prep website, Family Notes, social media, and communication apps.

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Annual Evaluation and Program Revision

YES Prep will conduct an annual evaluation of its Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) program and policy to assess effectiveness and identify areas for improvement. This evaluation will:

- Gather input from families through surveys, focus groups, and feedback collected during Family Association meetings.
- Identify factors that may affect family participation, such as scheduling conflicts or awareness of available programs.
- Review parent participation rates, event effectiveness, and alignment with student achievement goals.
- Use findings to revise and improve the parent and family engagement program and policy.
- Share evaluation results with parents and stakeholders through annual Title I meetings, Family Notes, and the YES Prep website.
- This process ensures that parent and family engagement remains effective and aligned with school objectives.

Policy Involvement

YES Prep campuses will:

- Jointly revise and edit the Parent and Family Engagement Policy before the first annual Title I meeting.
- Distribute the policy in both English and Spanish during the meeting, upload it to the YES Prep website, and include it in campus Family Notes. The policy, along with all related materials, will be distributed in both English and Spanish during the meeting, uploaded to the YES Prep website in both languages, and included in campus Family Notes in both English and Spanish.
- Provide translations into additional languages upon request, as outlined in the district's translation policy, to ensure all families can access the policy.

Adoption

This district parent and family engagement policy has been developed jointly and agreed upon by parents and family members of children participating in Title I, Part A programs. It will be in effect for the 2026-2027 school year.

The successful implementation of ESSA and progress toward program goals depends on the participation of parents and communities. Parents and communities have the opportunity to take part in programmatic, financial, and policy decisions.

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Parent or Family Representative: Monica Guerrero — 9/02/26
Parent or guardian of a child participating in Title I, Part A programs — *Date*

Parent or Family Representative: [signature] — 9/2/26
Parent or guardian of a child participating in Title I, Part A programs — *Date*

District-Level Representative: Rosalinda Perez — 9/2/2026
Date