School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
Guild Elementary School
School Year 2026-2027
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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Guild Elementary 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).

Guild Elementary 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.

Description of how the school will implement required school parent and family engagement policy components:

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Guild Elementary 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.

Twice a year our GES families are invited to complete a survey regarding the Title I program. This information is used to plan and prepare for the school year. At our Spring Planning Meeting parents, stakeholders, classroom teachers, administrators, and Title teachers gather to discuss and collaborate and reflect.

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

Guild Elementary 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 Title I Annual Meeting will be held on August 27th, 2026. It is known as the Family Empowerment Fest. At this meeting, REACH (Title I) information will be reported to families. Families will also receive instructions on where on the school website they can find a copy of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and Parent/School Compacts.

COMMUNICATIONS

Guild Elementary 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:

Communication with families regarding (REACH) Title I programs are communicated via flyers, reminder bookmarks, SCS Chat, school website, through our social media page, and phone calls through School Cast. All flyers are also shared in Spanish to ensure our Hispanic population is well informed.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Guild Elementary 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.

Each Spring, the district hosts a Title 1 Planning Meeting where we will work as a team of staff members from Guild alongside parent representatives to jointly develop the next school year's school- parent compacts. We will review a copy of each grade level's compact, discuss what we like and should keep, discuss what is unclear or needs to be edited, and what needs to be updated for the new year. Parents will give us valuable feedback on how to make these compacts family friendly, more easily readable and understandable (Parent- friendly language), and ways to make them more engaging.

RESERVATION OF FUNDS

If applicable, Guild Elementary 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:

GES reserves a minimum of 1% of our allocations to support parent and family engagement activities and events. At Guild's annual meeting, families will be informed of the budget and how it is allocated toward family engagement activities.

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

Guild Elementary 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:

BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF

Guild Elementary 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:

This year, support will be given in the science of reading. The Title 1 department will be using Just Words, Fun in Focus, and the Wilson Reading System. In addition, reading and writing will be supported in Tier 1 through the Wit and Wisdom, Fundations, and Geodes. Which are the county provided ELA curriculums. The reading specialists will intentionally support teachers and paraprofessionals with the implementation of these curriculums.

Guild Elementary will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as families may request.

August 2026: Our annual meeting will be known as the Family Empowerment Fest. Families will visit the school to receive vital Title 1 information, but also learn about the school and participate in make and take activities to allow parents to help students at home.

October 2026: Fall Fun Fest: Families will be invited to an after- school outdoors event. They get to walk around to tables with different activities for families. They will receive snacks, books, make n' take math games, and toothbrushes. We will also have crafts, face painting, a dance party, and carnival games for families to do together.

December 2026: Starbooks: Families will come to the cafeteria this year for Starbooks and receive a "book bag", hot cocoa, and a sweet treat. There will also be fun activities for families to do together like, pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, bingo, book themed STEM crafts, and coloring.

February 2027: One Book Blitz Book Awards: This is the culminating event for the One Book Blitz (OBB). This year, we will be doing the OBB school-wide K-5th grades. It will be themed based on the book chosen or this year's OBB. We will hold this event at the First Baptist Church in Gallatin. Students will receive a themed keychain and another book to continue the reading when they arrive. After the book awards are announced, we will invite families to watch the movie that is based on the book.

March 2027: Night of the Arts: We will be hosting a night of the arts for families to see their child's artist abilities. They will get to see their child perform in a music concert, see their artwork displayed around the building, and their work from class displayed. Then, they will also have the opportunity to attend the book fair with their families. This year we are making our portion of night of the arts, Dr. Suess themed. We will have Dr. Suess book BINGO and prizes for families to do together.