Wanda Hirsch Elementary

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Title I: Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2026-2027

Wanda Hirsch Elementary School, with parents and family members, has jointly developed, mutually agreed upon, and distributed to, parents and family members of participating children in Title I, Part A programs the following requirements as outlined in ESSA sections 1116(b) and (c).

At Wanda Hirsch Elementary we believe that a partnership must exist between our parents and our school. We promote positive communication between the school and our students' homes. Wanda Hirsch Elementary School provides a variety of opportunities for parents to be involved in activities supporting our school. This policy is available to parents of all students by way of the school's website and is reviewed annually at our first School Site Council, which is a public meeting open to all parents. This policy describes the means for carrying out the Title 1 involvement requirements.

It is our goal to provide an atmosphere where parents are able to express their views and to assist in problem solving. We want parents to understand that we view them as joint policy and decision makers and plan to emphasize their roles as advocates. The following is a list of services and activities to promote parental involvement and provide additional support for student learning:

1. **School staff will use a variety of communication strategies to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction(s).**
    - Hirsch Elementary School will send home regular (at least monthly) communication regarding important upcoming dates, events, parent engagement opportunities, and information regarding school policies.
    - Hirsch Elementary School will use our website to keep parents up to date on school events, such as back to school night and open house.
    - Parents may use telephone, Parent Square, or email to communicate with members of the school staff.
    - Parents can access their child's current progress and grades on Aeries.
    - Teachers will routinely contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress via notes, agendas, phone calls, Parent Square, and e-mails.
    - Assignments will be posted into Aeries gradebook at a minimum of every two-three weeks.
    - The school will provide parents with report cards every trimester.
    - Many teachers will routinely send classroom communication with pertinent information and upcoming classroom and school events.
    - The school will also use the school Facebook page to communicate.

2. **The school will hold parent meetings, conferences, and activities regularly throughout the year to increase parental involvement and build staff capacity to engage in these types of efforts.**
    - The Hirsch parent liaison will host meetings that will include parent training sessions to help parents understand how to enhance their child's education.
    - These activities will include events like family Reading Strategies Night and family STEM night. This provides an opportunity for parents and their child to experience the school situation in a positive and helpful manner while school staff may provide any needed assistance or encouragement.
    - Outside speakers will provide parents with more information concerning ways to make their child's academic and social life more successful (Parent Café)
    - Teachers will hold conferences individually with parents of children in their classrooms. Parents will be given a summary of the student's test scores, standards and an explanation of the interventions that teachers are using to assist the child in reaching achievement goals. Parents will be asked to engage in discussion of how they can support these efforts.

- The school will engage parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for student learning:

Classroom volunteers	Reading Strategies Night
Event Volunteers	Family STEM Night
Field trip Volunteers	Parent education workshops
Family Fun Nights	Proud Patriot Assemblies
Halloween Trunk or Treat	Open House
Parent Café	D.A.R.E. graduation
Holiday Activities	Various committees
Book Fairs	Hirsch PTO Meetings & Events
Back to School Night	

3. **The school will provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities.**
    - Hirsch Elementary School will provide opportunities for parents and community members to support the instructional program through activities such as field trip volunteers, classroom helpers, etc.
    - Staff will explain the requirements to parents and encourage them to become involved in the school. Brief training sessions will provide parents and community members with the information they need to participate as school volunteers in order to put them at ease and make the experience pleasant and successful.

4. **The school will work with parents to create a School-Parent-Student Compact.**
    - School staff, parents, and students have a school-parent-student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students 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 academic standards. All stakeholders will sign the compact.

5. **The school will provide an opportunity for parents to engage in decision-making processes in regarding the school's Title I, Part A program.**
    - Hirsch Elementary School will involve parents on school improvement planning committees. To support this process, the school will offer both school staff and parents training on how to contribute to this process in a meaningful way (School Site Council, English Learners Advisory Committee).
    - Hirsch Elementary School will engage parents in decisions about the allocation of its Title I, Part A funds for parental involvement (School Site Council, English Language Learners).

6. **The school will provide a parent resource center for parents.**
    - Parents may check out materials, use the computer to check grades, and visit educational websites. Parents are encouraged to view the Title I Plan located in the parent resource center or media center. A suggestion sheet will also be available for parental input.

7. **The school will engage parents in an evaluation of parental involvement efforts.**
    - The school will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Title I, Part A program's parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a survey filled out by teachers, parents, and school staff. The School Site Committee, made up of teachers, parents, and school staff, will determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted. While collecting evidence about satisfaction with the program, the school's efforts to increase parental involvement will be a part of the evaluation. The survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in numbers of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth.
    - Parents are encouraged to attend a variety of school committees including School Ste Council, English Learner Advisory Committee, family events, and family education nights.

8. **Building Capacity for Involvement**
    - Hirsch Elementary School engages Title 1 parents in meaningful interactions with the school. It supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

9. **Accessibility**

- Hirsch Elementary School provides opportunities for the participation of all Title 1 parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migrant students. Information and school reports are provided in the format and language the parents understand. All written communication, such as the flyers, surveys, and oral communications, such as committee meetings and the phone dialing system, are provided in both English and Spanish.

10. When is the policy reviewed?

- The Parent Involvement Policy is reviewed annually (in October/November) at the beginning of the school year with School Site Council and ELAC committee.
- This 2025-2026 Parent Involvement Policy will reviewed and is anticipated to be approved at Hirsch's School Site Council Meeting on October 27, 2026.

This Title I Parental Involvement Plan was adopted by the SSC at a public meeting on:

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Attested:



Catey Nasello		10.1.2026
Name of School Principal	Signature of School Principal	Date