

# San Joaquin's Title I School-Level Family Engagement Policy

San Joaquin Elementary has developed a written Title I parental involvement policy with input from Title I parents. Both PTA and School Site Council offered suggestions at their September meetings. It has distributed the policy to parents of Title I students in hard copy with back to school parent handbooks. The policy describes the means for carrying out the following Title I parental involvement requirements [20 USC 6318 Section 1118(a)-(f) inclusive].

## Involvement of Parents in the Title I Program

To involve parents in the Title I program at San Joaquin, the following practices have been established:

- The school convenes an annual meeting to inform parents of Title I students about Title I requirements and about the right of parents to be involved in the Title I program. The meeting is held in the fall.
- The school offers a flexible number of meetings for Title I parents, such as meetings in the morning or evening. The meeting held in the fall is held in both the morning and the evening to ensure that as many parents as possible can participate.
- The school involves parents of Title I students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I programs and the Title I parental involvement policy\* through:
  - Annual Title I Meeting
  - SSC Meetings
  - PTA Meetings
  - ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee) Meetings
- The school provides parents of Title I students with timely information about Title I programs through:
  - Annual Title I Meeting
  - SSC Meetings
  - PTA Meetings
  - ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee) Meetings
  - Parent-Teacher conferences
- The school provides parents of Title I students with an explanation of the curriculum used at the school, the assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet through:
  - Annual Title I Meeting
  - SSC Meetings
  - PTA Meetings
  - ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee) Meetings
  - Parent-Teacher conferences
  - Parent Trainings/Workshops
  - SST Meetings
- If requested by parents of Title I students, the school provides opportunities for regular meetings that allow the parents to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children through:
  - Annual Title I Meeting
  - SSC Meetings
  - PTA Meetings
  - ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee) Meetings
  - Parent-Teacher conferences
  - Parent Trainings/Workshops
  - SST Meetings

*\*This policy is also included in the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and will be updated periodically to meet changing needs of parents and the school. [20 USC 6318 Section 1118(c)(3)]*

### **School-Parent Compact**

Elementary distributes to parents of Title I students a school-parent compact. The compact, which has been jointly developed with parents, outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It describes specific ways the school and families will partner to help children achieve the State's high academic standards. It addresses the following legally required items, as well as other items suggested by parents of Title I students.

- The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction •  
The ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning
- The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers through, at a minimum, annual parent-teacher conferences; frequent reports on student progress; access to staff; opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class; and opportunities to observe classroom activities

### **Building Capacity for Involvement**

Elementary engages Title I parents in meaningful interactions with the school. It supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school has established the following practices.

- The school provides Title I parents with assistance in understanding the State's academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children. • The school provides Title I parents with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement.
- With the assistance of Title I parents, the school educates staff members about the value of parent contributions, and on how to work with parents as equal partners.
- The school coordinates and integrates the Title I parental involvement program with other programs, and conducts other activities, such as parent resource centers, to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.
- The school distributes information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to Title I parents in a format and language that the parents understand. • The school provides support for parental involvement activities requested by Title I parents.

### **Accessibility**

Elementary provides opportunities for the participation of all Title I parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. Information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parents understand.