

William S. Hart Union HSD

Administrative Regulation

Parent Involvement

AR 6020

Instruction

To ensure that parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs are provided with opportunities to be involved in their children's education, the Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Involve parents/guardians and family members in the joint development of a District plan that meets the requirements of 20 USC 6312 in the development of school support and improvement plans pursuant to 20 USC 6311 (20 USC 6318)

(cf. 0460 – Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

The Superintendent or designee may:

a. In accordance with Education Code 52063, establish a District-level parent advisory committee and, as applicable, an English learner parent advisory committee to review and comment on the LEA plan in accordance with the review schedule established by the Governing Board.

b. Invite input on the LEA plan from other District committees and school site councils.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

c. Communicate with parents/guardians through the District newsletter, web site, or other methods regarding the plan and the opportunity to provide input.

d. Provide copies of working drafts of the plan to parents/guardians in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand

e. Ensure that there is an opportunity at a public Board meeting for public comment on the plan prior to the Board's approval of the plan or revisions to the plan

f. Ensure that school-level policies on parent/guardian and family engagement address the role of school site councils and other parents/guardians as appropriate in the development and review of school plans

2. Provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent

involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance. (20 USC 6318)

The Superintendent or designee shall: (20 USC 6318)

a. Assist parents/guardians in understanding such topics as the challenging state academic content standards and academic achievement standards, state and local academic assessments, the requirements of Title I, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 – State Academic Achievement Tests)

b. Provide materials and training to help parents/guardians work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate.

c. Educate teachers, student services personnel, principals, and other staff, with the assistance of parents/guardians, in the value and utility of parent/guardian contributions and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents/guardians as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent/guardian programs, and build ties between parents/guardians and the schools.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

d. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent/guardian involvement programs and activities with other federal, state, and local programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents/guardians in more fully participating in their children's education.

e. Ensure that information related to school and parent/guardian programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents/guardians of participating students in a format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand.

f. Provide other such reasonable support for parent involvement activities as parents/guardians may request.

3. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate Title I parent/guardian and family engagement strategies with those of other relevant federal, state, and local programs and ensure consistency with federal, state, and local laws. (20 USC 6318)

4. Conduct, with meaningful involvement of parents/guardians and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent/guardian and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served by Title I, including identification of: (20 USC 6318)

a. Barriers to participation in parent/guardian and family engagement ~~involvement~~ activities, with particular attention to parents/guardians who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background. (20 USC 6318)

b. The needs of parents/guardians and family members, so they can better assist with their children's learning and engage with school personnel and teachers.

c. Strategies to support successful school and family interactions (20 USC 6318)

(cf 0500 – Accountability)

5. Use the findings of the evaluation conducted pursuant to item #4 above to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parent/guardian and family involvement and, if necessary, to revise the parent/guardian and family engagement policy (20 USC 6318)

6. Involve parents/guardians in the activities of schools served by Title I, which may include establishing a parent advisory board comprised of a sufficient number and representative group of parents/guardians or family members served by the District to adequately represent the needs of the population served by the District for the purposes of developing, revising, and reviewing the parent/guardian and family engagement policy (20 USC 6318)

The District's Board policy and administrative regulation containing parent/guardian and family engagement strategies shall be incorporated into the District's local control and accountability plan in accordance with 20 USC 6312 and distributed to parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs. (20 USC 6318)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

School-Level Policies for Title I Schools

At each school receiving Title I funds, a written policy on parent involvement shall be developed jointly with parents/guardians and family members of participating students. Such policy shall describe the means by which the school will: (20 USC 6318)

1. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents/guardians of participating students shall be invited and encouraged to attend in order to inform parents/guardians of their school's participation in Title I and to explain Title I requirements and the right of parents/guardians to be involved.

2. Offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, for which related transportation, child care, and/or home visits may be provided as such services relate to parent involvement.

3. Involve parents/guardians in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parent/guardian and family engagement policy, and, if

applicable, the joint development of the plan for schoolwide programs pursuant to 20 USC 6314.

The school may use an existing process for involving parents/guardians in the joint planning and design of the school's programs provided that the process includes adequate representation of parents/guardians of participating students.

4. Provide the parents/guardians of participating students all of the following:

a. Timely information about Title I programs

b. A description and explanation of the school's curriculum, forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging state academic standards.

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

c. If requested by parents/guardians, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education, and, as soon as practicably possible, responses to the suggestions of parents/guardians.

5. If the schoolwide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents/guardians of participating students, submit any parent/guardian comments when the school makes the plan available to the District.

6. Jointly develop with the parents/guardians of participating students a school-parent compact that outlines how parents/guardians, the entire school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents/guardians will build a partnership to help students achieve state standards.

This compact shall address:

a. The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables participating students to achieve the state's student academic achievement standards.

b. Ways in which parents/guardians will be responsible for supporting their children's learning, such as monitoring attendance, homework completion, and electronics usage; volunteering in the classroom; and participating, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education and the positive use of extracurricular time.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular/Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work)

c. The importance of communication between teachers and parents/guardians on an ongoing basis through:

- (1) Frequent reports to parents/guardians on their children's progress.
- (2) Reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom, and observation of classroom activities.
- (3) Regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand.

7. Build the capacity of the school and parents/guardians for strong parent involvement by implementing the activities described in items #3 a-f in the section "District Strategies for Title I Schools" above.

8. To the extent practicable, provide opportunities for the informed participation of parents/guardians and family members (including those with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and parents/guardians and family members of migrant children, including providing information and school reports required under 20 USC 6311(h) in a format and language such parents/guardians can understand.

If the school has a parent involvement policy that applies to all parents/guardians, it may amend that policy to meet the above requirements. (20 USC 6318)

Each school's parent involvement policy shall be made available to the local community and distributed to parents/guardians of participating students in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents/guardians can understand. (20 USC 6318)

Each school receiving Title I funds shall annually evaluate the effectiveness of its parent/guardian and family engagement policy. Such evaluation may be conducted during the process of reviewing the school plan for student achievement in accordance with Education Code 64001.

The school's policy shall be periodically updated to meet the changing needs of parents/guardians of the school. (20 USC 6318)

District Strategies for Non-Title I Schools

The District policy on parent/guardian involvement shall also apply to each school that does not receive Title I funds in a manner consistent with the purposes and goals in Education Code 11502.

For each school that does not receive federal Title I funds, the Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Engage parents/guardians positively in their children's education by helping them develop skills to use at home that support their children's academic efforts at school and

their children's development as responsible members of society (Education Code 11502, 11504)

2. Inform parents/guardians that they can directly affect the success of their children's learning, by providing them with techniques and strategies that they may use to improve their children's academic success and to assist their children in learning at home (Education Code 11502, 11504)

3. Build consistent and effective communication between the home and school so that parents/ guardians may know when and how to assist their children in support of classroom learning activities (Education Code 11502, 11504)

4. Train teachers and administrators to communicate effectively with parents/guardians (Education Code 11502, 11504)

5. Integrate parent/guardian and family engagement programs into school plans for academic accountability.

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