

Title I School-Level Parental Involvement Policy Sunnyslope Elementary

Sunnyslope has developed a written Title I parental involvement policy with input from Title I parents. *[Describe how the school developed the policy with parent input. The school site annually involves parents in the joint development and agreement of the policy, which is reviewed as part of Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and through site advisory groups, i.e., School Site Council (SSC), English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), Gifted and Talented and Special Education advisories, Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), and District School Liaison Team (DSLIT) when in program improvement status.]* It has distributed the policy to parents of Title I students. *[Describe how the school distributes the policy. The policy will be provided in the informational materials that are distributed to parents at the beginning of the year.]* 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 *Sunnyslope*, 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.

- *During annual meeting at Back to School night in August.*

The school offers a flexible number of meetings for Title I parents, such as meetings in the morning or evening.

- *A flexible number of meetings will be held at varying times based on parent needs and will include child-care and translation services, if needed.*

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.**

- *An annual survey of parents is conducted to assess needs, determine barriers, and evaluate the effectiveness of the parent involvement activities.*
- *Included as part of the annual review of the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) through School Site Council (SSC), English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), Gifted and Talented and Special Education advisories; if necessary, District School Liaison Team (DSLIT) meetings when in program improvement status.*

The school provides parents of Title I students with timely information about Title I programs.

- *Through parent newsletters, Back-to-School nights, SSC, ELAC, and PTO.*

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.

- *At parent-teacher conferences, assessment information on student academic progress and grade level standards are shared with parents. Student progress in relation to state and local standards and national norms will be explained to parents including curriculum being used, grade level expectations for proficiency, data reporting for STAR and local assessments and available intervention in reading, language arts, and mathematics for students needing assistance.*

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 informal parent requests for meetings, parent teas, Back-to-School nights, SSC, ELAC, and PTO.*

**It may be helpful to include the parental involvement policy review in the annual review of the Single Plan for Student Achievement.*

***The policy must be updated periodically to meet changing needs of parents and the school. If the school has a process in place for involving parents in planning and designing the school's programs, the school may use that process if it includes adequate representation of parents of Title I children. [20 USC 6318 Section 1118(c)(3)]*

School-Parent Compact

Sunnyslope 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

[Briefly describe how the school developed the policy with Title I parent input and how the school distributes the policy to Title I parents. Attach a copy of the compact to this policy. The school-parent compact is distributed through parent-teacher conferences or mailed to parents not in attendance. A copy of the compact is attached as part of the policy.]

Building Capacity for Involvement

Sunnyslope 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.

- *At parent-teacher conference, informal parent requests, parent trainings, and through teacher's ongoing parent communication, information on standards mastery, assessment data, intervention, and how to support parents in monitoring their child's education are provided.*

The school provides Title I parents with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement.

- *Training to empower parents to support and assist their children's education. This may include such activities as: Family Math Training, Family Reading Night, Family EL Night, and Science Night.*

With the assistance of Title I parents, the school educates staff members about the value of parent contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners.

- *A "Parents Make a Difference" newsletter in English and Spanish is provided for all staff and parents on effective parent practices.*
- *At staff meetings, parent survey results are reviewed and strategies for parent engagement and partnerships are discussed and integrated in SPSA.*

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.

- *Coordination of parent involvement activities at the site are done by a parent volunteer, an employee, a staff committee, the leadership team, and/or the SSC.*
- *Appropriate roles for community organizations will be developed and may include: Adopt-a-school, supporting academic excellence through awards recognition assemblies, supplying the school with needed materials, equipment, career information, and role modeling.*
- *Through parent newsletters, kindergarten orientations, and referral to viable parent resources.*

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.

- *School information, including communication about the Title I program, will be distributed in all the major languages spoken by the families of the students at the school.*

The school provides support for parental involvement activities requested by Title I parents.

- *Parent involvement strategies within the SPSA are integrated based on parent input through survey data.*
- *Parents may submit comments through the Principal and/or the SSC if they are not satisfied with the school plan activities.*

Accessibility

Sunnyslope 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.

- *All parents, including parents with limited English proficiency are provided information and school reports in a format and language through the use of translation of parent materials and interpreters for parents at meetings.*
- *Access to all facilities and parking are provided to parents with disabilities.*