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Title I, Part A School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy

This policy describes the means for carrying out designated Title I, Part A parent and family engagement requirements pursuant to ESSA Section 1116(c). Each school served under this part shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of subsections (c) through (f). How are parents notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand? How is the policy made available to the local community? How and when is the policy updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school (ESSA Section 1116[b][1])?

- Hort Elementary holds an annual Title 1 meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in the Title 1 program, program requirements, and their right to be involved. The meeting is presented in English and Spanish.

To involve parents in the Title I, Part A programs, the following practices have been established:

- Hort Elementary offers the following meetings at various times and days before school, during school, and after school to meet the various needs of our students:
 - Virtual Teacher Orientation
 - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - Monthly School Site Council Meetings (SSC)

Hort Elementary convenes an annual meeting to inform parents about Title I, Part A requirements and about the right of parents to be involved in the Title I, Part A program (ESSA Section 1116[c][1]).

- Parents are provided Title I information during our parent education classes, Back to School Night, parent conferences, parent orientation, weekly classroom newsletters, welcome letters, student progress reports, phone calls, SSC meetings, TSS meetings, reclassification meetings, home visits, school bulletin boards, and weekly and/or monthly newsletters. Due to the pandemic, all in person meetings will be conducted via the Zoom platform.

Hort Elementary offers a flexible number of meetings for Title I, Part A parents, such as meetings in the morning or evening (ESSA Section 1116[c][2]).

- Hort Elementary offers the following meetings at various times and days before school, during school, and after school to meet the various needs of our students:
 - English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)
 - African American Advisory Committee (AAPAC)
 - Parent Cafe meetings
 - Monthly School Site Council Meetings (SSC)

Hort Elementary involves parents of Title I, Part A students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I, Part A programs and the Title I, Part A parent involvement policy (ESSA Section 1116[c][3]). How does the school involve parents?

- Through Back to School Night, Parent Conference Week, Monthly SSC Meetings, Parent Orientations, and/or Booster Club, Hort Elementary involves parents in the planning, review, and improvement of our specially funded programs, Single School Plan (SPSA), and budgets. Due to the pandemic, all in person meetings will be conducted via the Zoom platform.

Hort Elementary provides parents of Title I, Part A students with timely information about Title I, Part A programs (ESSA Section 1116(c)(4)[A]). How does the school provide the information?

- Parents are provided Title I information during our parent education classes, Back to School Night, parent conferences, parent orientation, weekly classroom newsletters, welcome letters, student progress reports, phone calls, SSC meetings, TSS meetings, reclassification meetings, home visits, school bulletin boards, and weekly and/or monthly newsletters. Due to the pandemic, all in person meetings will be conducted via the Zoom platform.

Hort Elementary provides parents of Title I, Part A 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 (ESSA Section 1116(c)[4][B]). How does the school provide the information?

- Parents are provided Title I information during our parent education classes, Back to School Night, parent conferences, parent orientation, weekly classroom newsletters, welcome letters, student progress reports, phone calls, SSC meetings, TSS meetings, reclassification meetings, home visits, school bulletin boards, and weekly and/or monthly newsletters. Due to the pandemic, all in person meetings will be conducted via the Zoom platform.

If requested by parents of Title I, Part A students, Hort Elementary provides opportunities for regular meetings that allow the parents to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children (ESSA Section 1116(c)[4][C]). How does the school provide the opportunities?

- Parents are provided Title I information during our parent education classes, Back to School Night, parent conferences, parent orientation, weekly classroom newsletters, welcome letters, student progress reports, phone calls, SSC meetings, TSS meetings, reclassification meetings, home visits, school bulletin boards, and weekly and/or monthly newsletters. Due to the pandemic, all in person meetings will be conducted via the Zoom platform.

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

Hort Elementary provides Title I, Part A parents with assistance in understanding the state's academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children (ESSA Section 1116(e)[1]).

- Parents are provided information on the academic content standards, assessment results and monitoring information at Back to School Night, parent conferences, SSC meetings, parent orientations, weekly classroom newsletters, Quarterly report cards, welcome letters, student progress reports, phone calls, home visits, school bulletin boards, TSS meetings, and in the monthly newsletter. Due to the pandemic, all in person meetings will be conducted via the Zoom platform. Information is also shared through Parent Square.

Hort Elementary provides Title I, Part A parents with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement (ESSA Section 1116(e)[2]).

- Parents are provided information on how to assist their children during quarterly Family Nights (literacy night, math night, etc.), Back to School Night, parent conferences, SSC meetings, parent orientations, weekly classroom newsletters, Quarterly report cards, welcome letters, student progress reports, phone calls, home visits, school bulletin boards, TSS meetings, monthly newsletter, and district provided parent education sessions. Due to the

pandemic, all in person meetings will be conducted via the Zoom platform. Information is also shared through Parent Square.

Hort Elementary educates staff members in the value of parent contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners (ESSA Section 1116[e][3]).

- Staff is provided professional development relating to students and families in poverty, increasing parent/school partnerships through on-going effective communication, academic conferences, staff meetings, and student intervention team meetings. Due to the pandemic, all in person meetings will be conducted via the Zoom platform. Information is also shared through Parent Square.

Hort Elementary coordinates and integrates the Title I, Part A parent and family engagement 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 (ESSA Section 1116[e][4]).

- At Hort Elementary we coordinate our Title I parent involvement program with our volunteer programs, parent education sessions, and Booster club participation. Due to the pandemic, all in person meetings will be conducted via the Zoom platform. Information is also shared through Parent Square.

Hort Elementary distributes information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to Title I, Part A parents in a format and language that the parents understand (ESSA Section 1116[e][5]).

- At Hort Elementary we distribute parent communication in English and Spanish. Parent communication includes but is not limited to: teacher notes, newsletters, and ISP packets. Due to the pandemic, all in person meetings will be conducted via the Zoom platform. Information is also shared through Parent Square.

Hort Elementary provides support for parental involvement activities requested by Title I, Part A parents (ESSA Section 1116[e][14]).

- Support for all parents is provided by the entire staff of Hort Elementary on a daily basis, so that the individual needs of each student is met to the best of our ability. Due to the pandemic, all in person meetings will be conducted via the Zoom platform. Information is also shared through Parent Square.

Hort Elementary provides opportunities for the participation of all Title I, Part A 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 (ESSA Section 1116[f]).

Please attach the School-Parent Compact to this document.

This policy was adopted by Hort Elementary School on September 22, 2022 and will be in effect for the period of September 2022-September 2023.

Hort Elementary will distribute the policy to all parents of students participating in the Title I, Part A program on, or before: October 24, 2021 Parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the Compact shall be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement (ESSA Section 1116 [d][2][A]). Due to the pandemic, all in person meetings will be conducted via the Zoom platform. Information is also shared through Parent Square.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date : September 22, 2022