

# Voorhies Elementary School

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### Title I, Part A School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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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])?

The Parent Involvement Policy is reviewed and updated at the beginning of every school year by the School Site Council (SSC). The Parent Involvement Policy will be made available in English and Spanish.

The Parent Involvement Policy will be made available on the school website [voorhies.bcsd.com](http://voorhies.bcsd.com), under the Parent tab.

Parents without internet access can obtain a paper copy of the Parent Involvement Policy from the school office.

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

Parents have an opportunity to discuss their concerns regarding the parent policy at monthly SSC meetings by submitting a written statement to or calling (661) 631-4538 to leave a message to be read during the open forum portion of the meeting.

Parent may also provide input on the policy to any SSC member. SSC members can be found on the school website or by contacting the school office, (661) 631-5800.

Voorhies Elementary School 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]). Add details about the annual meetings in the box below:

The annual meeting is held during a back-to-school night to be determined.

Voorhies Elementary School 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]). Add details about the meetings in the box below:

Voorhies offers meetings such as AAPAC, ELAC, Parent Club, Parent Cafes SSC and parent workshops.

Voorhies Elementary School 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?

Title I program goals and expenditures are reviewed each fall at the first School Site Council meeting. Parents and staff begin with an assessment of student needs and develop student achievement goals based on those needs. Title I expenditures are then tied to these annual goals. The School Parent Involvement Policy is reviewed and updated by School Site Council at the beginning of each year.

Voorhies Elementary School 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?

Voorhies sends out flyers, electronic communications, and robo-calls.

Voorhies Elementary School 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 meet with teachers and school staff during back-to-school night. The grade-level curriculum is explained. Information will also be provided during Parent Cafes.

If requested by parents of Title I, Part A students, Voorhies Elementary School 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 encouraged to contact teachers and staff with any concerns regarding their students through Parent Square. Teachers and school administrators are available to meet with parents regularly to discuss student needs and educational progress through Parent Square. Parent Committees such as ELAC, AAPAC, and SSC provide parents the opportunity to take part in the decision making process. Parents can communicate through the school web page, [bcsd.com/Page/73](http://bcsd.com/Page/73).

Voorhies Elementary School 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, Voorhies Elementary School has established the following practices:

Voorhies Elementary School 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]).

Voorhies staff will hold parent sessions on topics involving standards, assessments and how to monitor and improve student achievement. Some of the topics to be held will be Report Cards, ELPAC, and Smarter Balance.

Voorhies Elementary School 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]).

Opportunities for parents to attend workshops targeting student achievement or parental education classes will be made available upon request and availability. The request will need the approval of the School Site Council and pending available funding. Parents interested in attending workshops should contact an SSC member for more information.

With the assistance of Title I, Part A parents, Voorhies Elementary School educates staff members in the value of parent contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners (ESSA Section 1116[e][3]).

The FACE Liaison will provide information to parents on how they can contribute to Voorhies and how to find community resources when needed.

Voorhies Elementary School 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]).

Voorhies offers information and dates of district and other school sites' parent programs at SSC and Parent Cafes. The Voorhies Parent Center will be open to parents to attend Parent Cafes or seek assistance from the FACE Liaison.

Voorhies Elementary School 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]).

All meetings and activities are announced in English and Spanish on the school marquee. The school sends notices to parents in English and Spanish regarding all school activities. Monthly newsletters, flyers, emails, and an updated website will provide information on upcoming events, activities, and programs sent to all parents and guardians.

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

School Site Council hears ideas and requests from parents regarding proposed activities during open forum. Comments can be left at (661) 631-4538 or by sending an email to fernandez@bcsd.com.

Voorhies Elementary School 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 the Voorhies Elementary School on 9/14/23 and will be in effect for the period of 2023-2024.

Voorhies Elementary School will distribute the policy to all parents of students participating in the Title I, Part A program on, or before: 11/3/23. 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]).

Sharleen McKelvey-Principal

**Name and Title of Authorized Official**



**Signature of Authorized Official**

9/14/23

**Date**