

Jefferson Elementary
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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])?

Jefferson Elementary School has developed a written Title I, Part A School Parent and Family Engagement Policy in accordance with Board Policy 400.36 and with input from Title I parents. Parents of Title I Students provided input to develop the School Parent and Family Engagement Policy at School Site Council (SSC), English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC), and African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC) Meetings. Jefferson School distributes the policy to parents of Title I students by sending it home with all of our students, posting it on our school web page and sharing it via ParentSquare on or before October 31, 2023. Jefferson School's policy describes the means for carrying out the following Title I parental and family engagement requirements

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

Electing parents to participate in School Site Council, English Learner Advisory Committee, and the African American Advisory Council
Monthly Title I Parent Engagement Opportunities (i.e. FACE)
Home-School Compact
Annual Title I Parent Meeting on September 1, 2023
Biannual Parent-Teacher Conferences
Monthly Parent Cafes
Reports to parents on their student's progress
Parent Resource Center
Monthly FACE Calendar
Monthly School Newsletter

FACE Liaison can be reached at (661) 631-3250

Jefferson 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]). Add details about the annual meetings in the box below:

Jefferson School holds an annual Title I meeting where parents are informed of their school's participation in the Title I program, what the requirements are, and their right to be involved. This meeting is provided in English and Spanish. The Title I meeting will be held within the first 45 days of school.

Jefferson 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]). Add details about the meetings in the box below:

These meetings include; annual Back to School Night, monthly School Site Council (SSC), four English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), and four African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC) Meetings, and monthly Parent Education Meetings.

Jefferson 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?

The SSC, AAPAC and ELAC annually review, and contribute to update the Parent and Family Engagement Policy as needed. These groups are used to review and revise the Title I program. Distribution school wide to parents of an annual Parent Needs Survey during the beginning of the school year allows parents' input to be recorded, and to ensure that the changing needs of the parents are addressed in the Parent Involvement Policy.

Jefferson 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 notified through monthly newsletters and parent calendar of events, school flyers, the marquee, school 's web page, council and committee meetings, parent sessions, and parent-teacher conferences regarding Title I information.

Jefferson 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?

Jefferson School provides parent sessions to include topics such as how to help with homework, math, and reading. Overviews of curriculum , and other sessions as determined by the needs of parents. Parents will receive information about their student's academic progress at parent teacher conferences and upon request. Data meetings are held at the beginning of the year, and when standardized assessment result data becomes available. Jefferson School has an open-door policy for parents to speak with administration, teachers and support staff when there is a need for further explanation regarding assessment, placement, or other programs at the school. Parents are encouraged to schedule appointments with teachers to discuss progress or observe their students in the classroom. Quarterly information is shared with parents regarding academic progress through progress reports and/or report cards.

If requested by parents of Title I, Part A students, Jefferson 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 invited to participate in the SSC, ELAC, AAPAC, Parent Cafes, Parent University, Parent Education Sessions, and other needs based committees to learn more about their child's education. Parents may request to meet with the Principal, Vice Principal, Academic Program Leader, Academic Coach, or teacher to discuss the education and progress of their students.

Jefferson 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, Jefferson Elementary has established the following practices:

Jefferson 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]).

Jefferson School offers Parent Education Sessions as requested by parents on a variety of academic, social, nutrition, and behavioral topics to be held on site to support parents in helping students achieve academically. Jefferson School provides information via newsletter, posted information in school office, flyers sent home, school website, via Facebook, and Parent Square. Ongoing communication between parents and their child's teacher by phone, email, letters, and quarterly progress report cards. Parent-Teacher Conferences held annually, as well as Parent/Teacher conferences upon parent or teacher request. Jefferson's Family and Community Engagement Liaison at the beginning of the year provides a Parent Needs Assessment to all parents to provide feedback to better serve the needs of our parents. Workshops are offered throughout the year to explain California Content Standards, Benchmark assessments, and progress monitoring. Jefferson holds Student Intervention meetings with parents, teachers, students, psychologist and academic coach (Special Education TSS meetings and Student Individual Education Plan meetings) as needed to discuss student achievement. The Parent Center on campus provides parents with skills and resources to assist and support academic achievement.

Jefferson 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]).

Jefferson School will provide parents with academic tips to help their students in the classroom through monthly newsletters, the school's website, and parent conferences. Offer Parent Education sessions to aid parents in helping their students with their education. During sessions parents are engaged in work study sessions which may include guest speakers, group discussions and simulations. Parent Center staff will encourage parents to attend Parent University and get involved through parent leadership opportunities.

With the assistance of Title I, Part A parents, Jefferson 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]).

Jefferson' staff is educated in working with parents through Support Staff, Leadership Team, Staff, Grade Level Meetings, and Academic Conferences. Our FACE and other staff responsible for parent involvement at the school site, attend district training sessions to learn how to engage with parents and encourage them to be involved in their child's achievement.

Jefferson 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]).

Jefferson School maintains staff including a FACE who works to provide activities and opportunities for parents to participate in their child's education, including parent education sessions. Jefferson School offers an extended learning program after school in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club. Jefferson utilizes the Family and Community Engagement Department at the Bakersfield city School District. Jefferson School offers a Parent Center to provide access for parents/families to education sessions, fun activities, and resources.

Jefferson 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]).

Jefferson School distributes communications, including newsletters, notices, calendars, web page posts, and ParentSquare messages in English and Spanish. Provides translation for parents when visiting the school. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted in both English and Spanish.

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

Jefferson School provides many opportunities for parent involvement, including; Parent Teacher conferences, parent education sessions, volunteering, and FACE. Parents are invited to participate in activities, committees, conferences, and councils.

Jefferson 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 the Jefferson Elementary on 26 de septiembre de 2023 and will be in effect for the period of año escolar 2023-2024..

Jefferson Elementary will distribute the policy to all parents of students participating in the Title I, Part A program on, or before: 31 de octubre de 2023. 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]).

Ana Rivera, Principal

Name and Title of Authorized Official

Signature of Authorized Official

September 26, 2023

Date