

Sidney Lanier Title I, Part A Parent & Family Engagement Plan 2023-2024

I, *Ginger Stanford*, do hereby certify that all facts, figures, and representations made in this application are true, correct, and consistent with the statement of assurances for these waivers. Furthermore, all applicable statutes, regulations, and procedures; administrative and programmatic requirements; and procedures for fiscal control and maintenance of records will be implemented to ensure proper accountability for the expenditure of funds on this project. All records necessary to substantiate these requirements will be available for review by appropriate state and federal staff. I further certify that all expenditures will be obligated on or after the effective date and prior to the termination date of the project. Disbursements will be reported only as appropriate to this project, and will not be used for matching funds on this or any special project, where prohibited.

Assurances

- The school will conduct outreach to all parents and family members and implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents and family members in all of its Title I, Part A programs consistent with Section 1116 of the Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA). Such programs, activities and procedures shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children. [ESSA Section 1118(a)]
- The school will work to ensure that the required school-level parent and family engagement policy is developed under subsection (b), each school served under this part will develop a Home-School Compact that outlines how parents, the entire staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards. [ESSA Section 1116(d)]
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parent and family engagement requirements to the extent practicable, the school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand. [ESSA Section 1116(e)(f)]
- The school will involve parents and family members of children receiving services under this part in the decisions regarding how funds reserved are allotted for parental involvement activities. [ESSA Section 1116(3)]
- The school will be governed by the statutory definition of "parents and family engagement" as defined in ESSA Section 8101, and is expected to carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition.
- The school will use funds reserved under this part to carry out activities and strategies consistent with the parent and family engagement policy as outlined in ESSA Section 1116(3).

Signature of Principal or Designee

Date Signed

Parent & Family Engagement Mission Statement

Response: The Sidney Lanier School will ensure that students with disabilities learn authentic skills in a safe environment to be productive and integrated into their home, community, leisure and work.

Involvement of Parents

The school will involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs including parental involvement and in the decisions regarding how funds for parental involvement will be used by:

- Parents will be given the opportunity to provide input at the Title I Annual meeting.
 - Parents will be invited to participate in the planning and organizing of all Title I programs.
 - Surveys, parent meetings, school correspondence, and other activities will be used to solicit input from parents regarding the implementation of the Title I program.
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Coordination and Integration

The school will coordinate and integrate the following Parent & Family Engagement programs and activities with other Federal Programs, to the extent feasible and appropriate, in an effort to teach parents how to help their children at home.

Count	Program	Coordination
1	Title I Program	Parent involvement activities will be provided to all parents in improving their children's education.
2	Sharing System of Care Programming (i.e. Meridian, Reichert House)	Address in parent engagement meetings and in IEP/EPT team meetings throughout the year.

Annual Parent Meeting

The school will conduct an annual meeting designed to inform parents of participating children about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program (school-wide or targeted assistance), and the rights of parents through the following activities.

Count	Activity/Tasks	Person Responsible	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1	School will hold the Annual Parent Meeting in September (In-person & virtual options will be available)	Principal, Asst. Principal Title I Lead Teacher	September 2023	Parent Input Evaluations, sign-in sheets, agendas, PowerPoint handout, and minutes from meetings, picture of marquee/phone home message to parents
2	Development of agenda for Annual Parent Meeting.	Principal, Title I Lead Teacher	August-September 2023	Completed Agenda
3	Develop/plan materials (presentation, school/district handouts) for Annual Parent Meeting.	Principal, Title I Lead Teacher	August-September 2023	Copies of presentation and all handouts

4	Send notices in school newsletter to parents; send invitations via students/phone-home/ email to alert parents of meetings (if needed, a translator would be obtained to translate in the appropriate language; materials can be provided in other languages; a sign language interpreter could be obtained if needed).	Principal, Title I Lead Teacher	August-September 2023	Copy of letters and invitations (include languages other than English, as needed)
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Flexible Parent Meetings

The school will offer flexible opportunities for parents and families to participate in organized and ongoing workshops and meetings by:

- Meetings will be offered at flexible times throughout the school year such as before and after school, planning days, evenings after the parent work day and by appointments.

Building Capacity – Parent/Family Workshops

The school will implement the following activities as a means to build the capacity for strong parental and family engagement and to support a partnership among the school, families, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Count	Content and Type of Activity	Person Responsible	Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1	Title I Annual Meeting	Principal	Improve the ability of parents to work effectively with their child to increase achievement	September 2023	PowerPoint handout, Parent Survey Evaluation, Sign-in sheet, and Agenda
2	Title 1 “Literacy for Home 2” Activity	Assistant Principal, Lead Teacher	Improve the ability of parents to work effectively with their child to increase reading decoding	November 2023	Sign-in sheet, Agenda, Parent Input Evaluation
3	Title 1 Spring “What Kind of Science is This?” Day	Assistant Principal, Lead Teacher	Improve the ability of parents to work effectively with their child to increase math computation skills	March 2024	Sign-in sheet, Agenda, Parent Input Evaluation

Staff Training

The school will provide the following professional development activities to educate the teachers and school staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents and families as equal partners and in how to implement and coordinate family programs, and build relationships between families and the school.

Count	Content and Type of Activity	Person Responsible	Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1	Review and Discuss Parent and Family Engagement Plan	Administration and Title I Lead Teacher	Improve the ability of staff to work effectively with parents by increasing parent involvement and student achievement.	August 2023	Agenda, sign-in sheet, Faculty Input evaluation and minutes
2	Review and Discuss Home-School Compact	Administration and Title I Lead Teacher	Improve the ability of staff to work effectively with parents by increasing parent involvement and student achievement.	August 2023	Agenda, sign-in sheet, Faculty Input evaluation and minutes

Other Activities

The school will conduct activities, make resources available to parents and families and provide encouragement and support to families so that they can more fully participate in the education of their children by:

- Maintaining a Parent & Family Resource Area consisting of information related to the school and Title I Program as well as academic resources available for home use.
 - Making the *Parents Make a Difference* newsletter available through the school website, The Parent & Family Resource Notebook, and a hard copy upon request.
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Communication

The school will provide parents of participating children with:

Timely information about the Title I program and activities by;

- Conducting the Annual Meeting
- Announcements of additional parent meeting opportunities on the school website
- Announcements of Parent Family Engagement opportunities in school newsletter or Title 1 flier (including languages other than English, as needed)

Descriptions and explanations of the academic curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet through;

- Information shared at the Annual Meeting.

Opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children;

- SAC Meetings
- Individual Education Plan meetings
- Educational Planning Team meetings
- New Student intake meetings

A means to document parent comments/concerns regarding the school wide program plan when it is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children. The school will include documentation of parent comments/concerns with the plan that will be made available to the local education agency by;

- Collecting all written comments on the Parent Input Survey Evaluation sheets and submitting them to the LEA.
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Accessibility

The school will provide full opportunities for participation in parent & family engagement activities for all participants (including parents with limited English proficiency, disabilities, migratory, and homeless children) by:

- Utilizing quarterly Skyward reports as a means to identify families who may need accommodations in order to actively participate in school activities
- Parents are notified through mailed correspondence, notifications sent home with students, postings on the school website
- ELL enrollments are checked monthly to ensure that information is provided in a language parents can understand