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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])?

Updated annually through School Site Council each September/October  
Policy is posted on Parent Square to all families in English and Spanish.

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

*Annual Title 1 meeting at the beginning of the school year:*  
In 2021-2022 the Title 1 meeting will be held virtually in September.  
Annual newsletter with Title 1 information sent home in October.

Sierra Middle 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:

Flyers mailed home to inform the community of the meeting.  
Marquee, Parent Square & School Website are used to publicize.

Sierra Middle 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:

Monthly Parent Cafes- Held Virtually until further notice  
Quarterly Family Night- Held Virtually until further notice  
*Teacher's regularly communicate with parents via Parent Square*  
*Parent requests for conferences are handled by teachers as needed.*

Sierra Middle 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?

In an ongoing and timely way in the planning, review and improvements to its Title I programs and the Title I parental involvement policy.

Provide parents of participating students with information about Title I programs.

Provides parents of Title I students with an explanation of the curriculum, academic assessments and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.

Sierra Middle 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?

Informational meeting

Surveys via Parent Center

SSC

ELAC

AAPAC

Sierra Middle 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?

Newsletters and Parent Cafe - Monthly

Website

Marquee updates

Informational meetings with school F.A.C.E.

If requested by parents of Title I, Part A students, Sierra 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?

SSC, ELAC, AAPAC

Parent Cafe

Parent Sessions

Sierra Middle 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, Sierra Middle School has established the following practices:

Sierra Middle 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]).

Weekly/Monthly monitoring

Progress Report or Report Card sent home approximately every nine weeks

AERIES Gradebook and Parent Portal Access 24/7

Provide information to parents and schedule meetings for participating students with special needs in an understanding and uniform format, that parents may understand

Annual IEP meetings are scheduled for students receiving special education services

Information is discussed and input is given from all parties.

Parent Square Messages and Posts.

Sierra Middle 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]).

FACE staff provides classes and workshops for parents that utilize useful and effective tools and student data platforms for improved student outcomes.

Our Parent Center allows access to Chromebooks and training which provides parents with skills and knowledge to better prepare students.

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

School-site training on strategies to link family engagement to improving student outcomes. Schoolwide practice which will encourage parent and family interactions with school staff and principal: i.e. Parent Cafe, quarterly family education nights held virtually in 2021-2022.

Sierra Middle 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]).

Provide parent education sessions through the Parent Center and Parent University which will include participation and presentations from Sierra, district office and community resources. Sierra FACE trained on resources to make available to parents on getting involved in their child's education, how to support academic success, recruitment and retention of parent volunteers and providing multiple opportunities for parent engagement (Parent Cafe, quarterly family education nights and Parent University)

Sierra Middle 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]).

Sierra provides translation services, as appropriate, at all parent/community meetings  
Provide translation of school and district information to parents (i.e. fliers, forms, district policies) to the extent practicable. Sierra communicates via Parent Square and the School Website.

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

Sierra's FACE is supported through onsite coaching.  
FACE provides purposeful parent engagement activities

Sierra Middle 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 Sierra School Site Council on September 16, 2021 and will be in effect for the period of September 2021 - August 2022

Sierra Middle School will distribute the policy to all parents of students participating in the Title I, Part A program on, or before: October 31, 2020 . 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]).

Mrs. Short

September 16, 2021

**Date**

**California Department of Education**

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