

# School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy

## School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

### Dentzler Elementary School 2018-19

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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, **Dentzler Elementary** receives Title I, Part A funds and must jointly develop with, agree upon with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the district.

### **Dentzler Elementary School agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:**

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing and timely way, in the planning, review and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the targeted assistance or school wide program plan.
- Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the school wide program plan under Section 1114(b) of ESSA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.
- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:
  - *Parent and family engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:*
    - *Parents play an integral role in assisting their children's learning;*
    - *Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their children's education at school;*
    - *Parents are full partners in their children's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their children;*  
*and*
    - *Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of ESSA.*

## Required School Parent and Family Engagement Policy Components

The school parent and family engagement policy includes a description of how the school will implement or accomplish each of the following components:

- **Jointly Developed**

**Dentzler Elementary School** will take the following actions to involve parents in an organized, ongoing and timely manner in the planning, review and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by parents, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

- *PTA Meetings*
- *School Compact*
- *Surveys and Feedback forms*
- *Annual School-wide Title I Meeting*
- *Annual District Title I Meeting*
- *Parent-Teacher Conferences*
- *Sharing Test Scores and Data*
- *Open House*
- *TGRG Parent Meeting*

- **Annual Title I Meeting**

**Dentzler Elementary School** will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, parents' requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the school wide plan, and the school-parent compact.

- *October 11, 2018 Annual Meeting held*

- **Communications**

**Dentzler Elementary School** will take the following actions to provide parents of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title I programs;
  - Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, child care or home visits, as such services relate to parent and family engagement; and
  - Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.
- *Invitations to Family Engagement Events*
  - *Flyers to remind families about events*
  - *Website*
  - *Monthly PTA Meeting*
  - *Monthly Newsletter*
  - *Email (RemindApp)*
  - *Principal's phone calls*
  - *PTA Facebook page*
  - *School Marquee*

- **School-Parent Compact**

**Dentzler Elementary School** will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

- *Parent input and suggestions were collected at PTA Meeting and compact was revised accordingly*

- **Reservation of Funds (only applicable to districts with Title I allocations of \$500,000 or more)**

If applicable, **Dentzler Elementary School** will take the following actions to involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent and family engagement is spent by:

- *Dentzler Elementary Parent Involvement Fund allocation for 2018-19 is \$3,482.53*

- **Coordination of Services**

**Dentzler Elementary School** will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other federal, state, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

- *Teach Me to Read at Home*
- *Reader Boost Camp (Public Library)*
- *123 Read (Public Library)*
- *Project More*
- *Parma Area Family Collaborative*
- *Family Engagement Council Webpage*
- *Home Liaison Services*
- *Ohio Guidestone*
- *FAST (Families and Schools Together)*

- **Building Capacity of Parents**

**Dentzler Elementary School** will build the parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Provide parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress and the achievement levels of the challenging state academic standards;
  - Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement; and
  - Provide assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
    - The challenging state's academic standards;
    - The state and local academic assessments, including alternate assessments;
    - The requirements of Title I, Part A;
    - How to monitor their children's progress; and
    - How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.
- *Parent Resource Center*
  - *Reading Tips in the Title I Newsletter*
  - *Spotlight On Reading Night*
  - *Math/Literacy Nights*
  - *Teach Me to Read*
  - *Reading Mastery Parent Letter/Activity*
  - *Parent Teacher Conferences*

- **Building Capacity of School Staff**

**Dentzler Elementary School** will provide training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents and in how to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school by:

- *Student Handbook*
- *Home Liaison*
- *\*Book of the Year*
- *PTA*
- *Parma Area Family Collaborative*
- *Teach Me to Read*
- *FAST*
- *Public School Works Modules*
- *Monthly Staff Meetings*
- *Professional Development Days*
  - *Resilient Learners Presentation*

**Dentzler Elementary School** will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as parents may request by:

- *Office Binder with translated letters*
- *List of families that need translation*
- *Translator provided upon request*
- *EL teachers*
- *Google translate link on PCSD website*
- *FAST*
- *Public Library/City Services*
  - *Adult English classes*
  - *Parent Training classes*

## **Building Capacity for Involvement**

*The School Parent and Family Engagement Policy may include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the school, in meaningful consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under Section 1116(e) of ESSA. Indicate which of the following discretionary (optional) parent and family engagement policy components the school will implement to improve family-school partnerships:*

- Involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training;
- Provide necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds if the school has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training;
- Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parent and family engagement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions;
- Train parents to enhance the engagement of other parents;
- Maximize parent and family engagement and the participation in their children's education, arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences with teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children and parents who are unable to attend conferences at school;
- Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent and family engagement;
- Establish a district wide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parent and family engagement in Title I, Part A programs;
- Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parent and family engagement activities.
  - *Reach out to community for resources as needed*
  - *Literacy resources/parent training*