

Gateway Elementary School Title I Parent Engagement Plan 2021-2022

Title I regulations require that each school served under Title I jointly develop with and distribute to parents of participating children, a written engagement policy agreed on by the parents that describes the requirements of SEC. 1118. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT (c) through (f) as listed below and outlined in the Title I law:

C. POLICY INVOLVEMENT

Each school served under this part shall:

1. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved;

The annual meeting will be held during orientation/tablet distribution held at the beginning of the school year. This date will be decided by the district admin team in early August.

2. Offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement;

A morning and evening option for the annual meeting will be offered. After the annual meeting, any presentations, handouts, etc. will be posted on the school's website as well as emailed to parents.

3. Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parental involvement policy;

Gateway Elementary School will notify and invite parents to attend scheduled meetings where the planning and review of programs will be the focus. These meetings will also include reviewing the school's parent engagement plan. A survey will be sent out to parents at the end of the school year to gather information for the review and improvement of programs as well.

- 4. provide parents of participating children
 - (A) timely information about programs under this part;

(B) a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet; and

(C) if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings 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;

Title 1 notifications will be posted on Conneaut Area City School District's website at the beginning of each school year. At the annual meeting, held at the beginning of the year, the Title I coordinator/Title I staff will inform families of the types of assessments given, a timeline of when they will be given and the expected proficiency levels for these assessments. The Title I coordinator will also address any curriculum concerns at this time. Parents will also be informed of the curriculum programs when they meet with their child's teacher at the beginning of the year.

Gateway Elementary will work collaboratively with all parents and schedule such meetings at the convenience of both parties. These meetings may occur during Parent/Teacher Conferences, Open House, or scheduled times throughout the school year.

5. If the schoolwide program plan 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 district.

All comments and/or concerns regarding the parent engagement plan will be communicated in a timely manner in writing to the district.

D. SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

As a component of the school-level parental involvement policy, each school shall jointly develop with parents for all children served under this part a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

A home-school compact is in place. At the meeting at the end of the school year, this compact will be reviewed and any necessary changes made.

E. BUILDING CAPACITY FOR ENGAGEMENT

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, each school and the district assisted under this part:

1. Shall provide assistance to parents of children served by the school or local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the State's academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children;

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Gateway Elementary School will provide assistance to parents by scheduling meetings as requested. Information may also be disseminated at Parent/Teacher Conferences, Open House, or other scheduled meetings throughout the school year. Gateway Elementary School may provide resources and information to parents via State & Federal Programs websites, printed materials, as well as researching classes and workshops for parents to attend or hosting family nights. Parents will be encouraged to communicate and work collaboratively with their child's teacher. Report cards and progress reports will be sent home to parents as well. Fifth grade students and families will have access to Parent Assist.

2. Shall provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement;

By working collaboratively with parents throughout the school year to provide necessary materials and tips they may utilize to assist their child to achieve his or her academic potential.

3. Shall educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, 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;

Gateway Elementary School will solicit input from parents and administration on how best to collaborate and communicate effectively with all parents during the annual Title 1 Public Meeting.

4. Shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, the Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other 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;

Gateway Elementary School will encourage parental engagement through the participation in school events/activities and community events geared toward students.

5. Shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand;

Gateway Elementary School will send notifications involving any of the aforementioned activities via one or more of the following ways:

- 1. Students
- 2. Mail
- 3. Email
- 4. Texts
- 5. Phone calls
- 6. District App
- 7. School Facebook page
- 8. School Website
- 9. Class dojo
- 10. Any other method preferred by the parent
- 6. May arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation;

By scheduling meetings at a variety of times. Information will be posted on the school's website/Facebook page after the meetings are held. On some occasions, meetings will be recorded and/or parents may have the option to join virtually.

7. Shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request.

F. ADOPTION

Gateway Elementary School's Parental Engagement Plan has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I programs, as evidenced by meeting agenda and sign-in sheet.

This policy was adopted by the Gateway Elementary School on 05/18/2021 and will be in effect for the period of the 2021-2022 school year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I children on or before September 1, 2021.

Signature of Title I Authorized Representative