

# **School Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

## **French Camp Elementary School**

**2019-2020**

French Camp Elementary School is a Title 1 school and is thus required to jointly develop with parents and family members of participating students a written parent and family engagement plan with the purpose of strengthening student academic achievement. The Every Student Succeeds Act requires the plan to establish the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describe how the school will implement specific parent and family engagement activities throughout the school year.

**French Camp Elementary agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116 of ESSA:**

- Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title 1 including the FCE's Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the development of the Schoolwide Plan.
- Update the School Parent and Family Engagement Policy periodically to meet the changing needs of the school.
- Provide opportunities when applicable for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children providing information and school reports in an understandable and uniform format.
- Allow parents not satisfied with the Schoolwide Plan to submit comments and suggestions to the local educational agency.
- Ensuring parents have an opportunity to participate in a consistent manner involving a two-way and meaningful communication with teachers and staff about student academic learning and school activities.

**Description of how FCE will implement required school parental involvement policy and plan components.**

- **Jointly Developed** – French Camp Elementary will take the following actions to involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title 1 programs, including opportunities for regular meetings if requested, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children. Parent meetings will be held to give parents the opportunity to be involved in the joint development of the School Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the improvement of Title 1 programs.
- **Annual Title 1 Meeting** – French Camp Elementary will conduct an annual meeting at a convenient time and invite all parents of participating students to attend in order to discuss the school’s Title 1 program, the FCE Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the Schoolwide Plan, and the School-Parent Compact.
- **Communication** – French Camp Elementary will provide timely information in an understandable and uniform format about Title 1 programs and activities. Parent meetings will be held throughout the school year at different times to afford all parents the opportunity to attend, provide input, and stay informed and involved.
- **School-Parent Compact** – French Camp Elementary will jointly develop with parents of participating students a School-Parent Compact that outlines how parents, school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved academic achievement and how the school and parents will build a partnership to help students achieve the state’s high standards.

- **Reservation of Funds** – French Camp Elementary will hold meetings throughout the school year to provide parents the opportunity to provide input regarding the use of parent and family engagement monies. The District will set aside 1% of the annual Title 1 allocation and divide that allocation between schools to be used only for parent and family engagement.
  
- **Building Parent Capacity** – French Camp Elementary will build the parents’ capacity for strong parent and family engagement by providing parents an explanation of the curriculum in use and the various types of assessment used in school to measure student progress. The school will also providing assistance to parents to aid in the understanding of the challenging state’s academic standards, state and local assessments including alternative assessments, Title 1 academic programs being used by the school to increase academic performance, and how to monitor their children’s progress in school. Parent meetings will be held throughout the school year to help build parent capacity along with the school providing information at pre-registration and hosting an Open House at the beginning of each school year. Parents will also be able to ask questions for understanding and provide input regarding Title 1 programs. As part of these parent meetings, training and educational materials may be provided as necessary to parents to assist them when working with their children.
  
- **Building School Staff Capacity** – French Camp Elementary will provide training to teachers and staff on the value of parental involvement, the process of coordinating and implementing parental programs, and the steps on building a partnership between parents and the school. School staff will take part in professional development and PLC meetings and will be instructed on the importance of parental involvement and how to communicate with effectively work with parents. Parent meetings will be held throughout the year providing parents an opportunity to offer suggestions and feedback as to how staff can better reach out and work with parents.