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District Parent and Family Engagement Plan

School Year:	2018-2019
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Parent and Family Engagement Committee Members

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First Name	Last Name	Position
Cystal	Smith	Chairman/ High School Counselor
Karla	Bray	Elementary Counselor
Jeff	Jones	High School Principal
Lori	Finley	Elementary Principal
Adriana	Hogg	Parent

Goal 1: How will the LEA foster effective parent and family engagement strategies and support partnerships among school, parents, and the community to improve student achievement?

Policies that support and respect family responsibilities will be established At Dierks School District. These policies will recognize the variety of parenting traditions and practices within the community's cultural and religious diversity. Staff members will be encouraged to demonstrate respect for families and the family's primary role in the rearing of children in order for them to become responsible adults. Each spring Dierks School District will conduct an annual meeting to update policies for the next year's Title I, Part A program. This meeting will take place in Dierks high school library. Jody Cowart will conduct this meeting. He can be reached at 870-286-2191 or jody.cowart@dierksschools.org. Dierks School District is proud to work with the DeQueen Mena Coop to provide students with a preschool Dierks School District will develop and disseminate a district parent and family engagement policy. The school engages in activities that encourage parental participation in the decision making process regarding issues directly affecting their child. Lori Finley can be reached at 870-286-2015 or lori.finley@dierksschools.org. Dierks School District will establish parent and family engagement contact persons for each of the Title I, Part A schools. Karla Bray is the family engagement contact person at Joann Walters Elementary. She can be reached at 870-286-2015, or karla.bray@dierksschools.org. Crystal Smith is the family engagement contact person at Dierks High School. She can be reached at 870-286-2191, or crystal.smith@dierksschools.org. Jody Cowart will conduct an annual review of the effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy. He can be reached at 870-286-2191 or jody.cowart@dierksschools.org. The districts parents and family engagement committee thrives to implement family engagement activities, and well as disseminate information to the community that will provide family and parent engagement in Title I. Dierks initiates open communication with various constituencies within the community. We make a special effort to involve all parents, and recognize community diversity and to work for inclusion through participation. Dierks works to communicate information about programs, services and needs to the community. Dierks works to share positive communication with all of our parents. We disseminate information clearly and specifically by using language that is understandable to all parents. Dierks adequately shares information from the school with parents as well as take home and return student work requiring parental attention. Dierks

school district encourages membership in parent groups, such as PTO. The school provides understandable, accessible, and well-published processes for influencing decisions, raising issues or concerns, appealing decisions, and resolving problems. Dierks School District will develop a district and family engagement committee to create a family engagement policy and implement parent and family activities as well as disseminate information to the community to promote parent and family engagement in the Title I, Part A schools. Jody Cowart, 870-286-2191, or jody.cowart@dierksschools.org. We encourage parents to become effective partners with the school in decision making, reviews, and being advocacy roles for improvement. Dierks School District will involve parents in the process of school review and improvement.

Goal 2: How will the district provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parental engagement?

Policies that support and respect family responsibilities will be established At Dierks School District. These policies will recognize the variety of parenting traditions and practices within the community's cultural and religious diversity. Staff members will be encouraged to demonstrate respect for families and the family's primary role in the rearing of children in order for them to become responsible adults. Dierks School District will conduct ongoing site visits to observe parent and family engagement practices. Jody Cowart can be reached at 870-286-2191, or jody.cowart@dierksschools.org. Each spring Dierks School District will conduct an annual meeting to update policies for the next year's Title I, Part A program. This meeting will take place in Dierks high school library. Jody Cowart will conduct this meeting. He can be reached at 870-286-2191 or jody.cowart@dierksschools.org. Dierks School District will monitor each Title I, Part A school to ensure that each school performs the following tasks: develop parental and family engagement policy, offer flexible meeting times, provide information to parents about the schools program, including a parent informational guide, develop and use the School-Parent Compact, provide training for parents in working with their child to improve academic achievement, to include training on the phone notification system in order to have real-time access to their child's attendance and achievement. Lori Finley 870-286-2015, or lori.finley@dierksschools.org. Jeff Jones 870-286-2191, or jeff.jones@dierksschools.org.

Goal 3: How will the district build the school's capacity for strong parental engagement?

Dierks School District will use a variety of communication tools on a regular basis and provide clear information regarding curriculum expectations, school activities, and student services. Dierks School District will provide information to participating parents on educational goals on national, state, and local levels, as well as parent's rights as defined in Title I, Part A. Jody Cowart, 870-286-2191 or jody.cowart@dierksschools.org. Dierks School District will communicate with parents in an ongoing process, using a variety of methods which reflect a respect for parental input. Dierks School District will assist in the development of parent engagement groups at each school. We will encourage the formation of partnerships between schools and local businesses that includes roles for parents by collaborating with the community and use the community resources to strengthen schools, families, and student learning. Dierks Schools will distribute information regarding cultural, recreations, academics, health, social, and other resources that serve families within the community. Dierks School District provides parenting books, magazines, and other informative material regarding responsible parenting through school counselor's office and/or the school library. Parents will be given the opportunity to borrow the materials for review. This information will be housed in the schools Family Resource Center located in the counselor's office. This area shall be used to provide an accessible parent/family information and resource center to support parents and families with training, resources, and other services to help parents become full partners in the education of their child. We will involve parents through an annual survey to improve school effectiveness. Karla Bray will provide the survey at Joann Walter Elementary. She can be reached at 870-286-2015, or karla.bray@dierksschools.org. Crystal Smith will provide the survey at Dierks High School. She can be reached at 870-286-2191, or crystal.smith@dierksschools.org. Dierks School District will provide any reasonable support for parents and family engagement at the request of participating Title I, Part A schools. Jody Cowart may be reached at 870-286-2191 or jody.cowart@dierksschools.org on this matter.

Goal 4: How will the district conduct, with the involvement of parents, ongoing evaluation of the

content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement plan as it relates to strategies for increasing parental participation and identifying barriers to greater participation?

Dierks School District will survey parents annually. The survey will include questions to identify barriers to parent and family engagement. Karla Bray will conduct the annual survey at Joann Walters Elementary. She can be reached at 870-286-2015 or karla.bray@dierksschools.org. Crystal Smith will conduct the annual survey at Dierks High School. She can be reached at 870-286-2191, or crystal.smith@dierksschools.org. Dierks School District will provide an opportunity for the parents to assist in the development of the evaluation procedures, including analysis of data collect. Karla Bray, Joann Walters Elementary. She can be reached at 870-286-2191 or karla.bray@dierksschools.org. Crystal Smith, Dierks High School. She can be reached at 870-286-2191, or crystal.smith@dierksschools.org. Dierks School District will use its finding from our evaluation process to make recommendations to each participating school for parent and family engagement policy revisions. Dierks School District will provide suggestions for designing school improvement policies, as they relate to parent and family engagement. The District Parent Involvement Committee will be responsible for this. Those committee members are: Karla Bray, Crystal Smith, Jeff Jones, Lori Finley and Adriana Hogg. Dierks School District will disseminate an annual parent activity evaluation report to share with parents, staff and the community. Jody Cowart will disseminate the evaluation report. He can be reached at 870-286-2191, or jody.cowart@dierksschools.org

Goal 5: How will the district involve parents in the joint development of the district Title I Application under section 1112 (ACSIP)?

Dierks School District will recruit parents to serve on the districts ACSIP committee to develop the Title I Application.

ADE Reviewer Responses:

Goals	Attention: Changes Needed!	In Compliance	Comments	Date of Feedback
Goal 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dierks School District's 2018-2019 Parent and Family Engagement Plan has been reviewed. No revisions are needed at this time. The plan can now be posted to your website. No revisions are needed at this time. The plan can now be posted to your website. Please, retain a copy of this review along with a copy of your 2018-2019 Parent and Family Engagement Plan for your records. Thanks so much for the hard work and effort that went into completing your plan.	11/5/2018
Goal 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		11/5/2018
Goal 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		11/5/2018
Goal 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		11/5/2018
Goal 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		11/5/2018