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eStem District
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District Parent Involvement Policy

**This form was adapted from, *A Toolkit for Title I Parent Involvement.*
Ferguson, C. (2009). *A Toolkit for Title I Parental Involvement.* Austin, TX: SEDL**

School Year
2014-2015

Superintendent
John Bacon

School Improvement Status
Elementary - Achieving Middle School - Needs Improvement High School - Needs Improvement

Parent Involvement Committee Members
(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

Enter committee members

First Name
Ruthie

Last Name
Walls

Position
High School Director

Enter committee members

First Name
Jessi

Last Name
Forster

Position
K-8 Director

Enter committee members

First Name
John

Last Name
Bacon

Position
CEO

Enter committee members

First Name
Jarrod

Last Name
DuPriest

Position
Parent Coordinator K-8

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First Name
Krista

Last Name

DuPriest

Position

Parent Coordinator HS

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First Name

Carrie

Last Name

Sewell

Position

Parent

Enter committee members

First Name

Jenni

Last Name

Jordan

Position

Parent

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First Name

Angela

Last Name

Johnson

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Parent

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Carla

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Polk

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Felisha

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Johnson-Hunter

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Melanie

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Hilliard

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DeKitra

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Larry

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Vikki

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Harris

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Parent

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Alyson

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Schilling

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Title I Coordinator-K-8

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Johnecia

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Howard

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Title I Coordinator-High School

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

Develop and disseminate district parental involvement policy. This will be disseminated through teacher and principal newsletters.

Conduct an annual meeting in the spring to update policy for next year's Title I, Part A program. eStem will hold a Title I parent night to educate parents and update policy for the Title I program for the 2015-2016 school year. Invitations will be sent out to all Title I parents and students. Person Responsible-Alyson Schilling-Title I Parent Facilitator K-8 Johnecia Howard Title I Parent Coordinator High School

Coordinate parental involvement activities with those of other programs such as Head Start program, Reading First program, Early Reading First program, Even Start program, Parents as Teachers program and Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters and State-run preschool programs. By coordinating with others programs similar to these listed, we will provide early intervention strategies for students not only at school but also for parents to work on with their children at home as well. Person Responsible-Jarrold -Parent Involvement Facilitator.

Establish parental involvement contact person at each of the Title I, Part A schools. The Parent Facilitator for the K-8 building is Jarrod DuPriest, and the Parent Facilitator for the High School is Krista DuPriest.

Conduct an annual review of the effectiveness of the parental involvement policy. At the end of each school year, we will conduct surveys and meetings with parents to discuss the success of our parent involvement policy. Based on those results, we will make changes for next year's policy. Person Responsible- Jarrod DuPriest-Parent Facilitator K-8; Krista DuPriest-Parent Facilitator High School

Develop district parental involvement committee to create a parental involvement policy and implement parental involvement activities as well as disseminate information to the community to promote parental involvement in the Title I, Part A schools. Parents from all three schools will serve on a parent involvement committee to discuss ways to promote parent involvement, such as activities, parent nights, and other informational nights. This committee will also provide parents with information as needed. Person Responsible-Jarrold DuPriest-Parent Involvement Facilitator K-8; Krista DuPriest- Parent Facilitator High School

Involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under Section 1116 of NCLB. Parents will serve on the committee to help review and make changes to our School Improvement Plan.

Reviewer Response:

Attention: Changes needed!

Reviewer Comments:

Note: Building level parent contacts that are required by law are called parent facilitators. Please change the title for Ms. Pollard and Ms. Clayborn. Also in your committee members list, Mr. Jarrod Dupriest and Ms. Krista Dupriest are listed as parent coordinators for those buildings. Please revise to reflect the parent facilitators, (building level contacts), for the current school year. There should only be one per building, (i.e, per LEA Number).

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

Conduct ongoing site visits to observe parental involvement practices. Administrators and parent coordinators will visit and meet with individuals from other campuses to discuss ways to improve parental involvement practices. They will bring their findings back to be discussed with the parental involvement committee. Person Responsible- Jarrod DuPriest-Parent Involvement Coordinator K-8 Krista DuPriest -Parent Involvement Coordinator High School

Enhance the awareness and skills of teachers, pupil service personnel, principals, and staff in reaching out to, communicating with, and working with parents as equal partners. Parent coordinators will provide guidelines and training to all staff on how to communicate with parents. Those staff members who may be struggling will have the opportunity to meet with the parent coordinator one-on-one to improve in this area. Person Responsible- Jarrod DuPriest-Parent Involvement Coordinator K-8 Krista DuPriest -Parent Involvement Coordinator High School

Ensure, to the extent possible, that information is sent home in a language and form parents can understand. All documents sent home or emailed will be available for translation as needed. Our ESL coordinator will also be available should parents need a translator or need information translated. Person Responsible- Jarrod DuPriest-Parent Involvement Coordinator K-8 Krista DuPriest -Parent Involvement Coordinator High School

Monitor each Title I, Part A school to ensure that each school performs the following tasks: Develop parental involvement policy, Offer flexible meeting times, Provide information to parents about the school's program, include parent

information guide, Develop and use the School-Parent Compact. Person Responsible- Jarrod DuPriest-Parent Involvement Coordinator K-8 Krista DuPriest -Parent Involvement Coordinator High School

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. Training on HAC has been provided to parents as well as in a document sent home to aid parents in checking their child's attendance and achievement. Additionally, the K-8 and HS have appointed specific individuals who can be contacted in case extra help is needed. Person Responsible- Jarrod DuPriest-Parent Involvement Coordinator K-8 Krista DuPriest -Parent Involvement Coordinator High School

Reviewer Response:

In Compliance

Reviewer Comments:

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

Provide information to participating parents in such areas as national, state, and local education goals, including parents' rights as defined in Title I, Part A. This information will be provided at Title I parent night and will be available to parents through our parent coordinator or parent resource center throughout the year. Person Responsible-Jessi Forster-Director K-8; Ruthie Walls-Director High School

Assist in the development of parent engagement groups at each school. The K-8 and HS both have parent organizations that meet to discuss ways to promote more parent involvement and other ways to help the schools. Person Responsible-Jessi Forster-Director K-8; Ruthie Walls-Director High School

Involve parents through an annual survey to improve school effectiveness. Surveys will be conducted at the end of each school year to gauge the effectiveness of the school and parental involvement. Person Responsible-Jessi Forster-Director K-8; Ruthie Walls-Director High School

Provide any reasonable support for parental involvement at the request of participating Title I, Part A schools. Both parent coordinators will be available to parents for support any time. Person Responsible-Jessi Forster-Director K-8; Ruthie Walls-Director High School

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Goal 4: How will the district conduct, with the involvement of parents, ongoing evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy as it relates to strategies for increasing parental participation and identifying barriers to greater participation?

Survey parents annually, including questions to identify barriers to parental involvement. Surveys will be conducted at the end of each school year to gauge effectiveness of the school and parental involvement. Person Responsible- Jessi Forster-Director K-8; Ruthie Walls-Director High School

Provide an opportunity for the parents to assist in the development of the evaluation procedures, including analysis of data collected. This opportunities will be discussed during parental involvement committee meetings and communicated through our parent organizations. Person Responsible-Jarrold DuPriest-Parent Involvement Coordinator-K-8 Krista DuPriest-Parent Involvement Coordinator High School

Use finding from evaluation process to:

- Make recommendations to each participating school for parental involvement policy revision.
- Provide suggestions for designing school improvement policies, as they relate to parental involvement. Based on the survey results and other information gathered from parent nights, email communication, and parent conferences, suggestions will be made to make our process as effective as possible. Person Responsible-Alyson Schilling-Title I Coordinator K-8; Johnecia Howard-Title I Coordinator High School

Develop and disseminate an annual parent activity evaluation report to share with parents, staff and the community. Based on survey results and other data gathered from the evaluation process, a report will be compiled and available to parents. Person Responsible-Jessi Forster-Director K-8; Ruthie Walls-Director High School

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Goal 5: How will the district involve parents n the joint development of the district Title I Application under

section 1112 (ACSIP)?

Recruit parents to serve on district ACSIP committee to develop the Title I Application. Different parents each year will be invited to serve on our ACSIP committee and be a part of making our school improvement plan as well as the Title I application. Jessi Forster-Director K-8; Ruthie Walls- Director High School

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Your 2015-2016 district Parental Involvement Plan has been successfully update. All of the required components are included in your plan. No revisions are needed; please reference the note in the reviewer response section under Goal 1. After that information is corrected in your plan, it can be posted to your website. A copy of the review will be e-mailed to Ms. Ruthie Walls. Please retain a copy of that review along with a copy of your 2015-2016 Parental Involvement Plan that includes the current year's parent contact person(s), in your parental involvement documentation files. Thank you for the effort that is evident in the completion of this plan so thoroughly. Best regards, Dr. Mallette