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# School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2023-2024

The school district will build the school's and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve pupil academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

- 1. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described below:
  - New Jersey's academic content standards;
  - New Jersey's pupil academic achievement standards;
  - The New Jersey and local academic assessments including alternate assessments;
  - The requirements of Part A;
  - How to monitor their child's progress; and
  - How to work with educators.

(List activities, such as workshops, conferences, classes, both in-State and outof-State, including any equipment or other materials that may be necessary to ensure success.)

a. The aforementioned topics will be discussed at the annual meeting with the Principal.



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- 2. The school district will, with the assistance of its schools, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by:
  - a. The aforementioned topics will be discussed at the annual meeting with the Principal.
- 3. The school district will, with the assistance of its schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, Principals and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:
  - a. Providing assistance to parents of pupils served by the school 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 Policy, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children;
  - b. Providing 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; and
  - c. Educating teachers, pupil services personnel, Building 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.



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- 4. The school district will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in fully participating in the education of their children, by:
  - a. Participating in conferences at least annually;
  - b. Discussing student compact;
  - c. Frequent student progress reports; and
  - d. Reasonable access to staff.
- 5. The school district will take the following actions to ensure that 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:
  - a. In carrying out the parental involvement requirements of NCLB, §1118 and this Policy, the school and school district, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, to include providing information and school reports required under NCLB, §1111 in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents understand.

#### DISCRETIONARY DISTRICT-WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY ACTIVITIES

The additional information outlined below lists and describes discretionary activities the school district, in consultation with its parents, may undertake to build parents' capacity for



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involvement in the school and school system to support their children's academic achievement:

- 1. Involving parents in the development of training for teachers, Principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training;
- 2. Providing necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds, if the school district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training;
- 3. Paying reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions;
- 4. Training parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;
- 5. In order to maximize parental involvement and participation in their children's education, arranging school meetings at a variety of times, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend those conferences at school;
- 6. Adopting and implementing model approaches to improving parental involvement;
- 7. Developing appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities; and
- 8. Providing other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under Section 1118 as parents may request.