



## Parent Involvement Plan Online Submission

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### ERNEST WARD MIDDLE SCHOOL Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Plan

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I, ngindl-perry@escambia.k12.fl.us , do hereby certify that all facts, figures, and representations made in this application are true, correct, and consistent with the statement of assurances for these waivers. Furthermore, all applicable statutes,

regulations, and procedures; administrative and programmatic requirements; and procedures for fiscal control and maintenance of records will be implemented to ensure proper accountability for the expenditure of funds on this project. All records necessary to substantiate these requirements will be available for review by appropriate state and federal staff. I further certify that all expenditures will be obligated on or after the effective date and prior to the termination date of the project. Disbursements will be reported only as appropriate to this project, and will not be used for matching funds on this or any special project, where prohibited.

## Assurances

- The school will be governed by the statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with the definition outlined in Section 9101(32), ESEA;
- Involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A in decisions about how Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement are spent [Section 1118(b)(1) and (c)(3)];
- Jointly develop/revise with parents the school parental involvement policy and distribute it to parents of participating children and make available the parental involvement plan to the local community [Section 1118 (b)(1)];
- 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 and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under section 1114(b)(2) [Section 1118(c)(3)];
- Use the findings of the parental involvement policy review to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary, the school's parental involvement policy [Section 1118(a)(E)];
- Inform parents and parental organizations of the purpose and existence of the Parental Information and Resource Centers (PIRC) in Florida, i.e., PIRC of Family Network on Disabilities in Florida (FND) and PIRC at University of South Florida (USF) [Section 1118(g)];
- If the plan for Title I, Part A, developed under Section 1112, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the local educational agency [Section 1118(b)(4)];
- Provide to each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the state assessment in at least mathematics, language arts, and reading [Section 1111(h)(6)(B)(i)];
- Provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in 34 CFR Section 200.56 [Section 1111(h)(6)(B)(ii)]; and
- Provide each parent timely notice information regarding their right to request information on the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals [Section (h)(6)(A)].

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Signature of Principal or Designee

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Date Signed

## Mission Statement

Parental Involvement Mission Statement (Optional)

**Response:**

## Involvement of Parents

Describe how the school will involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner, in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs including involvement in the decisions regarding how funds for parental involvement will be used [Sections 1118(c)(3), 1114(b)(2), and 1118(a)(2)(B)].

**Response:** Ernest Ward Middle School will involve the School Advisory Council which is made up of a group of parents and students that represent the diversity of our school population. School Advisory Council meetings will be held a minimum of four times per year and both the agenda and minutes of each of these meetings will demonstrate the decision making process that will take place throughout the 2010-2011 school year as it relates to Title I funds and program offerings.

## Coordination and Integration

Describe how the school will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities that teach parents how to help their children at home, to the extent feasible and appropriate, including but not limited to, other federal programs such as: Head Start, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, public preschool, Title I, Part C, Title II, Title III, Title IV, and Title VI [Section 1118(e)(4)].

count	Program	Coordination
1	Family Literacy	Distribution of literacy materials to parents enabling further growth at home.

## Annual Parent Meeting

Describe the specific steps the school will take to conduct an annual meeting designed to inform parents of participating children about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program (schoolwide or targeted assistance), Adequately Yearly Progress, school choice, supplemental educational services, and the rights of parents. Include timeline, persons responsible, and evidence the school will use to demonstrate the effectiveness of the activity [Section 1118(c)(1)].

count	Activity/Tasks	Person Responsible	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1	Annual Parent Meeting	Nancy Gindl-Perry	September 16, 2010	Participation and Involvement in Meeting

## Flexible Parent Meetings

Describe how the school will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services related to parental involvement [Section 1118(c)(2)].

**Response:** Flexible parent meetings where decisions will be made and discussions will take place throughout the school year as we conduct SAC meetings at 4:00 pm (the time specified by the SAC) four times per year.

## Building Capacity

Describe how the school will implement activities that will build the 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 student academic achievement [Section 1118(e)]. Describe the actions the school will take to provide materials and training to help parents work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement [Section 1118(e)(2)]. Include information on how the LEA will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under Section 1118 as parents may request [Section 1118(e)(14)].

count	Content and Type of Activity	Person Responsible	Correlation to Student Achievement	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1	FCAT Chats	Gayle Hanks	Reading/Math Readiness	Twice per year	Survey and participation

## Staff Training

Describe the training the school will provide to 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 [Section 1118(e)(3)].

count	Content and Type of Activity	Person Responsible	Correlation to Student Achievement	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1	Title I District workshops	Marcia Nowlin	Communication/Customer Service	First semester	Survey
2	School Based workshops	Nancy Gindl-Perry	Communication	ongoing throughout school year	participation

## Other Activities

Describe the other activities, such as parent resource centers, the school will conduct to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children [Section 1118 (e)(4)].

**Response:** Ernest Ward will conduct FCAT chats with parents which will allow parents to be more involved with the instruction their students are receiving at school. This will in turn provide valuable resources the parent may use at home to further instruction.

## Communication

Describe how the school will provide parents of participating children the following [Section 1118(c)(4)]: 1118(c)(4)(A);

- Timely information about the Title I programs [Section 1118(c)(4)(A)];
- Description and explanation of the curriculum at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet [Section 1118(c)(4)(B)];
- 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 [Section 1118(c)(4)(C)]; and
- If the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114 (b)(2) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will also submit the parents' comments on the plan that will be available to the local education agency [Section

1118(c)(5)].

**Response:** 1. School Website at [www.ernestward.com](http://www.ernestward.com)

2. Title I letter given to parents during our annual Title I meeting on September 16, 2010

3. School call out system.

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**Accessibility**

Describe how the school will provide full opportunities for participation in parental involvement activities for all parents (including parents with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and migratory children). Include how the school plans to share information related to school and parent programs, meetings, school reports, and other activities in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practical, in a language parents can understand [Section 1118(e)(5) and 1118(f)].

**Response:** Ernest Ward parents will be notified through the school messenger call out system regarding all scheduled meetings as they relate to Title I.

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**Discretionary Activities**

Discretionary School Level Parental Involvement Policy Components Check if the school does not plan to implement discretionary parental involvement activities. Check all activities the school plans to implement:

☒ Not Applicable

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**Upload Parent-School Compact**

Note: As a component of the school-level parental involvement policy/plan, each school shall jointly develop, with parents for all children served under this part, a parent-school compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement Section 1118(d)].

Upload an electronic version of the Parent-School Compact.

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**Building Capacity Summary**

Provide a summary of activities provided which were designed to build the capacity of parents to help their children [Section 1118 (e)(1-2)]. Include participation data on the Title I annual meeting.

count	Content and Type of Activity	Number of Activities	Number of Participants	Correlation to Student Achievement
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Parents were informed about the use of Title I funds and how it will benefit their students. Parent input was also solicited.

1 Annual Title I meeting 1 250

## Staff Training Summary

Provide a summary of the professional development activities provided by the school to educate staff on the value and utility of contributions of parents; how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners; the implementation and coordination of parent programs; and how to build ties between parents and the school [Section 1118 (e)(3)].

**count Content and Type of Activity Number of Activities Number of Participants Correlation to Student Achievement**

1	Professional Development	10	25	Training provides various ways to make contact with parents as well as inviting them to be apart of the school and their students success.
				Teachers will put their syllabus and homework online for parent access so those parents can take an active role in their child's education.
2	Technology Training	10	25	

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Upload evidence of parent input in the development of the compact.

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## Barriers

Describe the identified barriers which hindered participation by parents in parental involvement activities and the steps the school will take to overcome the identified barriers (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background) [Section 1118 (a)(E)].

count	Barrier (Including the Specific Subgroup)	Steps the School will Take to Overcome
1	Time - all	Varied ways to relaying information to parents. Does not always have to be a physical meeting.
2	Transportation - economically disadvantaged	Communit through newsletters and call outs.

## Best Practices (Optional)

Describe the parental involvement activity/strategy the school considers the most effective. This information may be shared with other LEAs and schools as a best practice.

count Content/Purpose Description of the Activity

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## Upload Evidence of Input from Parents

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If you have questions contact Marcia Nowlin at [mnowlin@escambia.k12.fl.us](mailto:mnowlin@escambia.k12.fl.us) or 850-595-6915, ext: 225.

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