

AZALEA MIDDLE SCHOOL Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Plan

I, Connie Kolosey, 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)],
- 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)].

Signature of Principal or Designee

Date Signed

Mission Statement

Parental Involvement Mission Statement (Optional)

Response: The Azalea Middle School community creates a quality educational setting that promotes critical thinking skills for college and careers by providing a relevant and rigorous curriculum and building positive relationships.

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: Azalea Middle School believes in involving parents in all aspects of its Title I programs, therefore our school will encourage parents to become active members of our School Advisory Council (SAC). More than 50 percent of the members of the SAC are required to be parent (non-employee) representatives. The SAC has the responsibility for developing, implementing, and evaluating the various school level plans, including the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Parental Involvement Plan (PIP). Therefore, parents will be provided opportunities to give input in the development and decision-making process of all Title I activities related to the school. An annual evaluation will be conducted using surveys completed by stakeholders. The results will be analyzed to evaluate the effectiveness of the school's parent involvement program. Parents may request additional support either directly through their child's teacher or grade level administrator. A parent may also request support during regularly scheduled SAC or PTA meetings.

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	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)	Supplemental instruction provided by the school will be discussed with parents during the development of the students' IEP
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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	Maintain documentation	Principal and TI Coordinator	September, 2014	Title I audit box housed in Principal's secretary office and documentation will be uploaded to electronic audit box
2	Annual Title I Parent Meeting	Principal	September,	Agendas and sign-in sheets

			2014	
3	Create sign-in sheets	TI Coordinator	August, 2014	Sign-in sheets for meeting and individual classrooms
4	Advertise/publicize event	Principal and TI Coordinator	August, 2014	School Messenger messages, school marquee, and posting on school website
5	Develop and disseminate invitations	Principal, teachers, and TI Coordinator	August, 2014	Flyer with date of dissemination and posting on school website
6	Develop agenda, handouts, and/or presentation materials that address the required components	Principal and TI Coordinator	August, 2014	Copies of agendas, PowerPoint presentation, and handouts

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: Azalea Middle School seeks to provide excellent customer service and availability for parents. The administrators make themselves available to parents to the largest degree possible when parents come to the school with questions or concerns. We offer evening events throughout the year and two morning parent-principal round table sessions.

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 school 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	Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1	Curriculum/Back-2-School Knight Annual Title I Meeting	Principal and TI Coordinator	Assist parents and students with school-wide and classroom expectations so that their child(ren) will be successful during and after school	September 3, 2014	Sign-in sheets, handouts, agendas, and presentation materials
2	Curriculum/Knightly Showcase	Principal and TI Coordinator	Parents will be provided with content specific sessions, aligned with FL standards, identifying strategies they can use at home to promote highest student achievement specific to reading, writing and math as measured by FCAT gains	November 12, 2014	Sign-in sheets, handouts, agendas, and presentation materials
3	Curriculum/Literacy Knight	Principal and TI Coordinator	Parents will be provided with content specific sessions, aligned with FL standards, identifying	January 28, 2015	Sign-in sheets, handouts, agendas, and presentation

			strategies they can use at home to promote highest student achievement in literacy across all content areas to support 100% gains on FCAT Reading		materials
4	Curriculum/Achievement Knight	Principal and TI Coordinator	Parents will be provided with content specific sessions, aligned with FL standards, identifying strategies they can use at home over the summer including a summer reading project to promote highest student achievement and student growth over time Parents will also have time to sit with their child to review their portfolio of work from the year, areas of improvement and areas for continuous work	May 6, 2015	Sign-in sheets, handouts, agendas, and presentation materials
5	Parent-Principal Round Table Meetings	Principal	Parents will have the opportunity to meet with principal to discuss school issues and work towards improving school culture Sessions topics will include highest student achievement, making learning gains in math, science and reading	October 13/January 12th: 10 a.m. at Azalea MS and 6 p.m. at Child's Park YMCA	Sign-in sheets and handouts

Staff Training

Describe the professional development activities the school will provide to educate the 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	Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1	Ongoing PLC	Principal, Instructional Coaches, Assistant Principals	Improve the ability of staff to work effectively with parents	August 2014-June 2015	Conference agenda and other appropriate documentation as required
2	Cross Content Parent Out Reach	Principal, Team Leaders, teachers	Work within cross content teams to identify students strengths and areas of support and reach out to parents to work with them to support their children throughout the year	August 2014-June 2015	Cross Content Weekly meeting agendas
3	Azalea Learns	Principal, Instructional	Provide background knowledge on student	August 2014	Teacher/Parent/Administration observations and meeting

		Coaches	population, collaborate on school wide routines and processes		
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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: Azalea Middle School will maintain a system to provide parent resources, as well as inform others of their availability. We are working together with parents to update email contacts in Focus and work with teachers to support teacher-parent communication via email. Furthermore, Azalea Middle will inform parents regarding the Parent Resource Center provided at the Title I Center. School staff will attend extra curricular events on the weekends to promote positive parent-student-teacher communication.

Communication

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

- 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 include submit the parents' comments with the plan that will be made available to the local education agency [Section 1118(c)(5)].

Response: Azalea Middle School will provide information to parents regarding Title I programs in a timely manner using various methods of communication including meetings, letters home, the school messenger, email and the school website. At the Back-2-School Knight / Annual Title I Meeting, information about Title I programs, curriculum, and academic assessments will be shared in a general meeting. Teachers will maintain sign-in sheets and provide a copy to the Title I coordinator who will also maintain documentation on the dissemination of information, distribution methods, and timelines. Parents will be provide a response form to complete to provide input or to ask questions. The principal will respond by email to all questions left. If a parent is unsatisfied with the school-wide program plan under Section 1114 (b)(2), they will be asked to provide their comments to the Principal who will then provide the comments to the Title I office. Up-to-date information will also be kept at the "Parent Station" located in the front office for parent convenience.

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: Azalea Middle School will make the Parental Involvement Plan (PIP) available to parents in English and Spanish on the school's website. A hard copy of the PIP will be housed in the "Parent Station" located in the front office and will be copied upon parent request. Written communication may be requested to be translated in languages other than English. Upon parent request, a translator will be made available at parent meetings and in the school office to provide translation services to ensure that parents are able to fully participate in parent meetings. American Sign Language (ASL) translation services will also be made available upon parent request.

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

Upload Evidence of Input from Parents

Upload evidence of parent input in the development of the plan
[Uploaded Document](#)

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
[Uploaded Document](#)

Upload Evidence of Parent Involvement in Development of Parent-School Compact

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Upload evidence of parent input in the development of the compact
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Evaluation of the previous year's Parental Involvement Plan

Building Capacity Summary

Provide a summary of activities provided during the previous school year that 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	Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement
1	Annual Title I Parent Meeting	1	260	Parents understand what it is to be a Title I school, where to find important information and how to get involved
2	Knightly Showcase	1	125	Parents had the opportunity to see student work from all content areas. Additionally they were able to choose from different breakout sessions on topics such as AVID strategies, Parents and Technology, and literacy routines to use at home
3	Literacy Knight	1	100	Students and parents participated in literacy carnival like games. Parents learned how to utilize the games at home with their students to support all content areas. Parents were able to sit with ELA and Reading teachers and have a data chat about their students FCAT and FAIR scores. Through the discussions parents were able to learn more ways to support their students with literacy from home
4	Child's Park Curriculum Knight	1	40	Parents and students had the opportunity to get to know the teachers and learn ways to support students at home. Parents were able to see work students completed in school and plan for improvement where needed.
5	50th Anniversary Celebration- Title I table	1	300	Parents were able to stop by the Title I table and pick up books for their children to read over the summer. In addition they were provided with reading logs, conversation starters and information on Pinellas County summer reading activities their child could participate in.

Staff Training Summary

Provide a summary of the professional development activities provided by the school during the previous school year 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	Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement
1	Ongoing PLC's with Instructional Coaches	30	45	Teachers worked together to analyze data to plan for differentiated instruction, target students, lesson plan and problem solve behavior issues in the classroom
2	Azalea Learns	4	50	Led by the principal with support from coaches, staff collaborated on the Marzano pilot, learned more about our student demographics, and established a school wide behavior plan

3	Cross Content PLCs	30	60	Work within cross content teams to identify students strengths and areas of support and reach out to parents to work with them to support their children throughout the year
4	School Wide Literacy Routines	2	50	Teachers learned literacy routines which were implemented school wide across disciplines to support students academic growth.

Barriers

Describe the barriers that hindered participation by parents during the previous school year in parental involvement activities. Include the steps the school will take during the current school year to overcome the 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	Lack of parent involvement at Title I Knights(African American, economically disadvantage)	Offer alternate meeting times in the morning periodically throughout the year
2	Unable to contact parents/multiple calls from several teachers in one day(African American, economically disadvantage)	Structured cross content teams with time built in to work with parents through parent calls, emails and conferences
3	Parents unable to get information on what is happening in their childs classes(economically disadvantage)	Cross content team send home quarterly newsletters with information on class content, testing, field trips and other relevant information. Use the school messenger system to contact parents via the phone

Best Practices (Optional)

Describe the parental involvement activity/strategy the school implemented during the previous school year that the school considers the most effective This information may be shared with other LEAs and schools as a best practice (Optional)

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