

Ransom Middle School Title I, Part A Parental and Family Engagement Plan

Involvement of Parents

Describe how the school will involve parents and families in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner, in the planning, reviewing, and improvement of Title I programs including involvement in the decision-making of how funds for Title I will be used. (ESEA Sections 1116)

Focus Area	Evidence	X	Tentative dates/timelines
Parent and family engagement in the planning, reviewing, and improvement of Title I programs (including the decision-making process of how funds are used).	Title I Annual Parent Meeting	x	May 16, 2019
	School Advisory Council Meeting (SAC)	x	Meetings offered quarterly. Starting in Sept.
	Other (specify)		

Coordination and Integration with Other Federal Programs

Describe how the school will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities that teach parents how to help their children at home {ESEA Section 1116}.

Program	Coordination	X
Head Start	LEA cofunds Head Start for 185 children. These services are provided in schools with our highest poverty. Family events provide guidance and modeling of emergent literacy development activities.	
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten	Title I Part A co-funds VPK services, by extending full day services in schools with our highest poverty. Family events provide guidance and modeling of emergent literacy development activities.	
Title I, Part C	Migrant families participate in an LEA Advisory Council for English Language Learners. Translators are available for teacher conferences as well as to assist	

	with translation of documents to be provided for families. Family events provide guidance and modeling of emergent literacy development activities.	
Title I, Part D	Resources are provided for parents whose children are enrolled in Neglected & Delinquent programs.	
ESOL-Title III	Provides supplemental resources for English Language Learners (ELL) such as services and paraprofessionals.	x
Title IV, Part A	Provides students with a well-rounded education, supports safe and healthy students, and supports the effective use of technology. Schools benefit through Capturing Kids' Hearts training and the services of the secondary schools guidance TSA.	x
Carl Perkins Career and Technical Education Act	Provides funds to increase the quality of career and technical education.	x
Title IX, Part A	Provides hygiene items, school supplies, and tutors at area homeless shelters to support families. Assistance for housing, food, and other emergency support are available for families referred under Title IV. Counseling services and shelter based tutoring/parent training is available.	x
IDEA	Provides students with disabilities a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) that is tailored to their individual needs including an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), placement in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), appropriate evaluation, parent and teacher participation, and procedural safeguards.	x

Annual Parent Meeting

Describe the specific steps the school will take to conduct an annual meeting designed to inform parents and families of participating children about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program (schoolwide or targeted assistance), Adequate Yearly Progress, school choice, and the rights of parents are covered at the annual meeting.

Activity/Tasks	Evidence of Effectiveness	X
Develop meeting materials	Announcement	x
	Agenda	x
	Sign in sheet	x
	Handouts	
	Customized Title I powerpoint	
	Other (specify)	
Advertise/publicize event	School Messenger	x
	School Calendar	x
	School Newsletter	
	School Marquee	x
	Social Media	x
	Flyer	
	Website	x
	Other (specify)	
Title I Parent Meeting/ Documentation	Sign In Sheet	x
	Agenda	x
	Powerpoint	
	Minutes and Worksheet	x
	Photos	
	School Family Compact	x
	Evidence of Social Media	
	Survey (for parent input)	
	PFEP Template	x
	Other (specify)	

Flexible Parent Meetings

Describe how the school will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening. How will the school provide with Title I funds, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services related to parental engagement {ESEA Section 1116}.

Flexible Meetings	Description of Meetings/Activity	X
Morning meetings	Meetings will be offered before school	x
Afternoon meetings	Meetings will be offered during/after school	
Evening meetings	Meetings will be offered before, during and after school	x
Transportation	Title I funds budgeted for transportation	
Child care	Title I funds budgeted for child care	
Home Visits	Title I funds budgeted for home visits	
Other	Home visits conducted w/o funds	x

Other Activities

Describe the other activities, such as parent resource centers, the school will conduct to encourage and support parents and families in more meaningful engagement in the education of their children {ESEA Section 1116}.

The Ransom Middle School faculty and staff feels so strongly about parent communication and involvement that three mornings are set aside for parent conferences. This year the days will be Monday, Tuesdays, and Fridays. Teachers will conduct a parent conference with each student's family who desires a conference. Grade reports can be accessed on Focus. A new parent resource center is being developed for parents and families in the innovation center.

Building Capacity of Parents

Describe how the school will implement activities that will build the capacity for meaningful parent/family involvement, and building relationships with the community to improve student academic achievement. Describe the actions the school will take to provide materials and training to help parents assist parents/families to work with their child. Include information on how the school will provide other reasonable support for parent/family engagement activities under {ESEA Section 1116}.

#	Topic - Title of Activity	Person Responsible	Materials/Training Provided to Parents/Families	Tentative Date/Time (is it flexible?)	Documentation Evidence (announcement, agenda, sign in sheet, evaluation, etc.)
1	Orientation	Regina Lipnick	Establishes teacher/parent communication	August 8, 2019 1:00-3:00 p.m.	Announcement and letter to parents
2	Parent Conferences	Counselors	Improved communication allows parents to support student learning	On-going	Parent Conference Invitations
3	Open House	Regina Lipnick	Established teacher/parent communication	September 10, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Announcement
4	Algebra Parent Meeting	Barb Baxter	Establishes teacher/parent communication	August 15, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Announcement
5	National Junior Honor Society Induction Meeting	Lauren Samoszenko	Establishes teacher/parent communication	September 12, 2019. 6:00 p.m.	Announcement

Staff Development

Describe the professional development activities the school will provide to educate the teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, other school leaders and other staff leaders and other staff with the assistance of parents/families and the school. How to value and utilize the contributions of parent/families. How to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents/families as equal partners. How to implement and coordinate parent/family programs, and build ties between parents/families and the school. {ESEA Section 1116}.

Focus Areas for Staff Development

A	Value and utility of contributions of parents and families.
B	How to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents/families as equal partners.
C	Implementing and coordinating parent/family programs.
D	Building ties between parents/families and the school.

#	Topic - Title of Activity	Person Responsible	Anticipated Parent Engagement Focus Area (list the focus area/s)	Tentative Date	Documentation Evidence (agenda, sign in sheet, etc.)
1	Mental Health Training - Kognito	Regina Lipnick	Implementing and coordinating parent/family programs.	August 5 & 9 2019	Agenda
2	Trauma Informed Care	Regina Lipnick	How to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents/families as equal partners.	On-going District Provides training throughout the year.	District advertisement
3	Youth Mental Health Training	Regina Lipnick	How to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents/families as equal partners.	On-going District Provides training throughout the year.	District advertisement

Communication

Describe how the school will provide parents of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title I programs;
- Description and explanation of the curriculum at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels students are expected to obtain;
- If requested by parents, the school provides opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and
- If the school wide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit the parents' comments with the plan that will be made available to the local education agency {ESEA Section 1116}.

Communication Focus Areas	Type of Activity	X	Evidence of activity
How does the school communicate timely information about the Title I program?	Title I Annual Parent Meeting	x	School call out
	SAC	x	Agenda
	Electronic Communication		
	Mail Out to Parents		
	Family Nights		
	School Website		
	School Messenger	x	School call out
	Flyers		
	Other		
How does the school communicate timely information about curriculum, assessment, and achievement?	Title I Annual Parent Meeting	x	Agenda
	Family Nights	x	Call out
	Newsletters		
	Open House	x	Letter home/Call out
	SAC	x	Agenda
	Website		
	FOCUS		
	RTI Parent Meetings		
	Conferences	x	Parent Invitations
	Other		
How does the school offer opportunities for regular meetings for parent to participate in making decisions and give feedback?	SAC Meetings	x	Agenda
	PTA Meetings		
	Conferences	x	Parent Invitations
	Other		

Accessibility

Describe how the school will provide full opportunities for participation in parental involvement activities for all parents. Include how the school plans to share information related to school and parent programs, meetings, school reports, and other activities in an understandable, uniform format and in a language that parents/families can understand.

Describe the opportunities that families have to fully participate in their child's education.	Parents are encouraged to attend parent/student conferences. In addition, parents may participate in their child's education by attending the following; FSA parent night, SLT, NJHS parent nights, Open House and Orientation. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in many ways to be involved as well as being a part of SAC and the PTA.
Describe how the school will share information to families in an understandable, uniform format, and in different languages as needed.	Ransom Middle School uses a large variety of ways to share information and insure accessibility to all school activities. Among the various ways is the "School Messenger" call out system. This system allows for translation from English when needed. Ransom also uses mail outs, flyers home, school marque, Tiger Television, and teacher/parent contact. Various teachers use the Remind App when appropriate. Information to students and families is also shared through homeroom.

Barriers

Describe the barriers that hinder participation by parents during the previous school year in parental involvement activities. Include the steps the school will take during the upcoming school year to overcome the barriers (with particular attention to parents who are disabled, have limited English proficiency, and parents/families of migratory children) {ESEA Section 1116}.

Barrier(s): Including the Specific Subgroup	X	Plan of Action (Steps to overcome)
Language		
Disabilities		
Transportation		
Child Care	x	Parents have children who are various ages - Parents can bring younger children to events. Offer 2 events in one night so parents don't have to attend events on multiple days.
Schedule	x	Parents are burned out. They are attending events at more than one school - Offer 2 events in one night.
Homelessness		
Communication		
No WiFi Availability		
Other		Parents say they don't have time to attend all of the events being offered. Offer opportunities that are of high need for students.

Assurances about the Parent and Family Engagement Plan

I, Regina Lipnick , 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 district, state and federal staff for a minimum of five (5) years. 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 parent and family engagement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with the definition outlined in ESEA Section 8101;
- 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 1116 (a)(3)(b);
- Plan was jointly developed/revised with parents and distributed to our families and the local community {Section 1116 (b)(1);
- Engage parents and families, 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 parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the school wide program plan under Section 1116 (c)(3);
- Use the findings of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan review to design strategies for more effective parent and family engagement, and to review, if necessary, the school's Parent and Family Engagement Plan {Section 1116 (a)(E);
- If the plan for Title I, Part A, developed under Section 1112, is not satisfactory to the parents and family of participating children, the school will submit parent and family comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the local educational agency [Section 1116(b)(4)];
- Provide to each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the state assessment {Section 1112 (e)(1)(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 does not meet applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned {Section 1112 (e)(1)(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 1112 (e)(1)(A).

Signature of Principal or Designee
Regina Lipnick

Date Signed (2019-2020)
9/23/2019

(typed signature denotes approval of PFEP)