Sherwood Elementary School, Title I, Part A Parental and Family Engagement Plan

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# 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)

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| **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 | August 24, 2019 5:30pm |
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| School Advisory Council Meeting (SAC) | X | September 30, 2019  November 19, 2019  February 24, 2020  April 21, 2020 |
| Other (specify) |  |  |

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# 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}.

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| **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. | X |
| Title I, Part C | Migrant families participate in a 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. | X |
| 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. |  |
| 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 |

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# 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.

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

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# 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}.

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| **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 | X |
| 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 |  |  |

# 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}.

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| Substitutes will be used so teachers can hold parent conferences at various times throughout the day. The school social worker will make home visits concerning any school related issues. The school guidance counselor, assistant principal and school social worker meet with parents to educate families about the importance of attendance and how absenteeism and tardiness negatively affect a students’ achievement. During these meetings, a problem solving approach is used to help families find ways to improve student attendance. |

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# 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}.

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| **#** | **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 | Reading Academy (1st & 3rd grade parents) | Debbi Phillips | Scholastic Spotlight on Reading  Each student receives 3 books and activities center around building literacy at home. | August 29, 2019 | Announcement sent home  Agenda  Sign in Sheets  Evaluation |
| 2 | Parent Conferences for K-5 | Teachers | Student data, classroom and academic information and resources | Oct-Nov 2019 | Sign in sheet  Handouts |
| 3 | Mathnasium Family Night | Jennifer Collins | Take home materials | December 10, 2019 | Flyer sent home  Sign in Sheets  Evaluation |
| 4 | Literacy Family Night with FSA information for parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders | Jennifer Collins  Tamika Wyrick | Books for students. Information on how to engage students in reading as well as reading opportunities to take advantage of over Spring Break  FSA information for parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders to include test taking tips, strategies to help at home. | March 5, 2019 | Flyer sent home  Social Media Post  Sign in Sheets  Evaluation |
| 5 | Progress Monitoring - Individual Conferences | Debra Phillips  Teachers | Sharing of student data  Additional resources to help with student needs (varies by student) | on-going through year | RTI meeting schedule |
| 6 | FSA Preparation Activities | Teachers | Resources and materials for preparation of FSA testing | on-going | Parent Satisfaction Surveys |
| 7 | Progress Reports and Report Cards | Kristen Danley  Jennifer Collins | Handout on accessing grades online through Focus | August 2019 | Handout |
| 8 | Annual Title 1 Meeting - Family Compact Letters | Kristen Danley | Title 1 Budget, Title 1 services, input on PFEP and how funds are spent | August 2019 | Sign in sheet  Agenda/minutes |
| 9 | Volunteer Training for Parents | Jennifer Collins | Volunteer Handbook provided | on-going | Sign in sheets |
| 10 | Reading, Math, Science - Hard Copy Dissemination of Material and Web-based programs | Principal  Teachers | Additional resources and materials for at home use | on-going | Copy of Materials Given |

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# 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

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| 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. |

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| **#** | **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 | Poverty Simulation | Kristen Danley | Building ties between parents/families and the school | August 2, 2019 | Sign in sheet |
| 2 | Parent Relationships | Kristen Danley | Value and utility of contributions of parents and families. | Sept-Oct, 2019 | 1st 9 week’s Positive Phone Logs |

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# 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}.

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| **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 | Agenda |
| SAC | X | Agenda/minutes |
| Electronic Communication |  |  |
| Mail Out to Parents |  |  |
| Family Nights | X | Flyer, handouts, sign in sheets |
| School Website | X |  |
| School Messenger | X |  |
| Flyers | X | Copy of flyer |
| Other |  |  |
| How does the school communicate timely information about curriculum, assessment, and achievement? | Title I Annual Parent Meeting | X | Agenda |
| Family Nights | X | Flyer, agenda, sign in sheet |
| Newsletters | X | Copies of newsletters |
| Open House |  |  |
| SAC | X | Agenda/minutes |
| Website | X |  |
| FOCUS | X |  |
| RTI Parent Meetings | X | Parent invites, Tier paperwork |
| Conferences | X | Sign in sheets |
| Other |  |  |
| How does the school offer opportunities for regular meetings for parent to participate in making decisions and give feedback? | SAC Meetings | X | Agenda/minutes |
| PTA Meetings |  |  |
| Conferences | X | Sign in sheets |
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# 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.

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| Describe the opportunities that families have to fully participate in their child’s education. | Sherwood will provide opportunities for parent/family involvement through at least two family involvement nights (one per semester), four school day parent/family activities (two per semester), FSA parent/family information night, 1st & 3rd grade Reading Night to explain expectation and retention guidelines, and parent conferences during the first semester for all teachers and then on-going throughout the year as needed. |
| Describe how the school will share information to families in an understandable, uniform format, and in different languages as needed. | School plans related to programs, meetings, school reports and other activities will be shared through hand-outs sent home by classroom teachers, monthly parent/family newsletter, school’s web page, school’s social media page, and messenger call outs. |

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# 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}.

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| **Barrier(s):**  **Including the**  **Specific Subgroup** | **X** | **Plan of Action (Steps to overcome)** |
| Language |  |  |
| Disabilities |  |  |
| Transportation | X | Surveying parents regarding the need to provide transportation to conferences, RTI meetings, etc., so this can be budgeted for next school year. |
| Child Care | X | Looking at providing on site child care for Title 1 Parent meetings, SAC Meetings |
| Schedule | X | Parent input on best times for activities and/or meetings. |
| Homelessness |  |  |
| Communication |  |  |
| No WiFi Availability |  |  |
| Other |  |  |

# Assurances about the Parent and Family Engagement Plan

I, Kristen Danley , 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).

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| Signature of Principal or Designee  Kristen Danley | Date Signed (2019-2020)  September 19, 2019 |
| (typed signature denotes approval of PFEP) |  |