

FIENBERG/FISHER K-8 CENTER Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Plan

I, Maria P. Costa, 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 mission of Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center, in partnership with our families and diverse community, is to develop healthy, civic minded, innovative individuals. It is our goal to empower students to reach their maximum potential and become caring, reflective, life-long learners with a balanced international perspective and a sense of social responsibility.

Review Rubric:

Mission statements are written concisely, free of jargon, and parent-friendly and inspire stakeholders to be involved and supportive of the program. Strong mission statements include:

- Explanation of the purpose of the parental involvement program;
- Description of what will be done; and
- Description of the beliefs or value of the LEA.

Review Status:**Review Comments:****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: Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center's Educational Excellence School Advisory Council (EESAC) convenes and provides/receives input into the development; implementation and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan (SIP), the Parental Involvement Plan, and the school-wide Title I Program budget expenditures at the beginning of each school year and throughout the year at regularly scheduled and advertised monthly meetings from parents, faculty, staff, and community stakeholders. Notices of meetings are posted through the Citizens Information Center, advertised throughout the school, via ConnectEd Messages, at the school website and flyers.

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include:

- Identification of the group responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of the plans;
- Description of the procedures for selecting members of the group;
- Explanation of how the input from parents will be documented; and
- Description of the process and involvement of parents in the development of required plans; and
- 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)].

Review Status:**Review Comments:****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	VPK	The Title I office and the VPK office will work together to coordinate transition programs for students entering the regular public school program. Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center conducts a VPK Orientation Meeting to inform parents about

		eligibility criteria at the beginning of the year. VPK teachers, and the kindergarten teachers conduct a transition to kindergarten meeting at the end of the year.
2	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)	Supplemental instructional support provided by Title I will be discussed with parents during the development of the students IEP.
3	Title III	Free Tutorials for qualifying English Language Learners (ELLs).
4	Title I	Free FSA After-School Tutorials for students in grades 3-8
5	Head Start	MDCPS District Administrators, Miami-Dade County, and FFK8 will work together to coordinate transition programs for parents and students of HS.

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include:

- Identification of the specific federal programs; and
- Description of how the programs will be coordinated.

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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	Title I Annual Meeting	Administration and CIS	August-November	Title I Annual Meeting Informational Packet, parent survey, meeting agenda/minutes and sign-ins
2	Resource Fair	SST Team	August-September	Sign-In Sheets

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include:

- Identification of specific activities or tasks;
- Identification of the person(s) responsible for completing the task;
- Reasonable and realistic timelines; and
- Description of the evidence the school will use to demonstrate the effectiveness and/or completion of the activity/task.

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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, 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: Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center will offer a flexible number of meetings at different times and dates in order to encourage more parental participation. During the parent workshops and grade specific orientation meetings, child care is provided at no cost. The CIS and Social Worker conduct home visits as needed.

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include:

- Description of the process the school will use to ensure that workshops/meetings are offered at a flexible times; and
- Specific examples of the flexible schedule offered to parents.

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Review Comments:

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	Parent Orientation Meeting	Administration and Leadership Team	Provide information to parents	August	Sign-In Sheets
2	Attendance Review Committee	Assistant Principal, Teacher and School Social Wor	Provide information on attendance policy to ensure student success.	As Needed	Meeting Documents Signed
3	EESAC	EESAC Chair & Committee	Involve parents in school decision making process	Monthly Meetings	Minutes and Sign-In
4	Open House	Administration and Faculty	Involve parents in their child's education	September	Sign-In Sheets
5	PTA General Assemblies	PTA Board & Principal	Involve parents in their child's education	August	Sign-In Sheets
6	Reading Under the Stars	Media Specialist	Involve parents in their child's education	October	Sign-In Sheets
7	IB Parent Meetings	IB Coordinators	Provide curriculum information to parents	bi-annually	Sign-In Sheets
8	SAT/FSA Parent Night	Administration & Teachers	Provide information to parents on how they can help prepare their children for State Exams	January-February	Sign-In Sheets

9	Title I Annual Meeting	Administration and Leadership Team	Provide general Title I Information	September	Agenda, Minutes, Sign-In Sheets
10	Parent Workshops	The Parent Academy	Building Strong Relationships	Monthly	Sign-In Sheets
11	Parent Committee Meeting	Head Start, Administration, parents	Involve parents in school	Monthly	Sign-in Sheets

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include:

- Description of the content and type of activity including the following:
 - o The state's academic content standards and state student academic achievement standards, State and local assessments including alternative assessments, Parental involvement requirements of Section 1118, and How to monitor their child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their child;
- Identification of the person(s) responsible;
- Correlation to student academic achievement;
- Reasonable and realistic timelines; and
- Description of the evidence the LEA will use to demonstrate the effectiveness and/or completion of the activity/task

Review Status:

Review Comments:

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	Value of Parental Involvement: A monthly calendar will be distributed to teachers that includes information on parental activities	Administration	Improve the ability of staff to work effectively with parents by providing support and information	Monthly throughout the year	Monthly Calendar
2	Communicating and Working with Parents	SST Team, Administration	Providing teachers with information that will enhance parent communication	Monthly through faculty meetings	Sign-In Sheets
3	MyOn Technology	Media Specialist	Improve literacy at home	Monthly throughout the year	Monthly Calendar
4	Reflex Math	Reflex Math Administrator	Improve Math at home	Monthly throughout the year	Monthly Calendar
5	iReady	Reading Coach	Improve literacy/math at home and in school connection	Weekly throughout the year	iReady Reports
6	Gizmos	Science	Improve Science/Math	Monthly	Gozmos

		Liaisons	at home and in school connection	throughout the year	Reports
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Review Rubric:

- Content and type of activity including the following: Valuefollowing:
 - Valuing of parental involvement,
 - Communicating and working with parents,
 - Implementation and coordination of parental involvement program,
 - Building ties between home and school,; and
 - Cultural sensitivity;
- Identification of person(s) responsible;
- Correlation to student academic achievement;
- Reasonable and realistic timelines; and
- Description of the evidence the LEA will use to demonstrate the effectiveness and/or completion of the activity/task.

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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: Other activities that take place throughout the school year include the following. Individual parent conferences are held to discuss student concerns ranging from academic progress to attendance concerns to programmatic changes. Team meetings with teachers are encouraged for Middle School Students. Parents come to meet with the team of teachers involved in the students' education. School Support Team meetings take place weekly. In these meetings, parents discuss their child's individual education needs with a team of school professionals including the teachers, the assistant principal, the counselor, the school social worker and the school psychologist. When a student is in the process of being considered and/or placed in a Special Education Program, a staffing is held to discuss and develop an educational plan.

In the Parent Resource Room, parents are provided with trainings throughout the year. Most of the trainings are provided by the Parent Academy and the Bilingual Program. Additionally, many of our Dade Partners provide parent training throughout the year. These include Nutrition Classes and Parenting Classes.

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include:

- Identification of the type of activity;
- Specific steps necessary to implement this activity;
- Person(s) responsible;
- Timeline; and
- Description of the evidence the school will use to demonstrate the effectiveness and/or completion of the activity/task.

Review Status:**Review Comments:**

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: At the Annual Title I Meeting parents will learn about the schoolwide program, NCLB parental choices, general information about how to schedule conferences with teachers, and how to participate in the school decision making process. Furthermore, parents are provided with information about available programs and resources through written school wide communication and through Connect Ed messages. The Title I Schoolwide Program is discussed at EESAC Meetings monthly and parents have representation at the meeting. At the EESAC, the School Improvement Policy is discussed and progress towards goals is provided. EESAC is a public forum and as such is announced with proper anticipation. Monthly calendars are also sent home to parents.

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include:

- Process for providing information to parents;
- Dissemination methods;
- Reasonable and realistic timelines for specific parent notifications; and
- Description of how the school will monitor that the information was provided.

Review Status:**Review Comments:**

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: Because the population of the school is predominantly Hispanic, all messages and reports to parents, both written and verbal (flyers, calendars, EESAC

Minutes, ConnectED Messages), are provided in English and Spanish. Furthermore, when a meeting is scheduled with school personnel, translation is always available.

The entire school building is ADA Compliant and as a result accessibility for parents and students with disabilities is provided.

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include:

- Process the school will use for translating information into a parent's native language;
- Description of how the school will ensure that parents with disabilities will have access to parental involvement activities and/or services;
- Description of how the school will ensure that information is available to parents considering the fluctuating student populations;
- Specific languages in which information will be provided; and
- Process the school will use to monitor that schools provide information to parents in a language they can understand, if feasible.

Review Status:**Review Comments:**

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:
X Not Applicable

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include:

- Identification of the activity which may include the following:
- Involving parents in the development of staff training, providing literacy training, paying reasonable and necessary expenses to conduct parental involvement activities, training parents to help other parents, adopting and implementing model parental involvement programs, organizing a local education agency parent advisory council, and/or developing roles for community organizations and/or business in parental involvement activities;
- Description of the implementation strategy;
- Identification of person(s) responsible;
- Correlation to student academic achievement; and
- Reasonable and realistic timelines.

Review Status:**Review Comments:**

Upload Evidence of Input from Parents

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

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Review Rubric:

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Review Comments:

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](#)

Review Rubric:

School-Parent Compact must include the following components:

- Description of the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards;
- Identification of ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning (for example, monitoring attendance, homework completion, or television watching; volunteering in their child's classroom; and participating as appropriate in decisions relating to the education of their children and positive use of extracurricular time); and
- Highlight the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum: parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement; Frequent reports to parents on their child's progress; and Reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of classroom activities; and
- Evidence that parents were involved in the development/revisions to the compact [Section 1118(d), ESEA].

Review Status:

Review Comments:

Upload Evidence of Parent Involvement in Development of 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 evidence of parent input in the development of the compact.

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Review Comments:

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	Parent Orientation Meeting	1	232	Provide information to parents
2	Attendance Review Committee	100	100	Provide information on attendance policy to ensure student success
3	EESAC	10	200	Involve parents in school decision making process
4	Open House	1	120	Involve parents in their child's education
5	PTA General Assembly	1	120	Involve parents in their child's education
6	Reading Under the Stars	1	100	Involve parents in their child's education
7	IB Parent Meetings	1	30	Provide curriculum information to parents
8	SAT/FSA Parent Night	1	130	Provide information to parents on how they can help prepare their children for State Exams
9	Title I Annual Meeting	1	232	Provide general Title I information
10	Honor Roll Assemblies	3	100	Building Strong Relationships

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include the content and type of activity, number of activities, number of participants, and the correlation to student achievement.

Review Status:

Review Comments:

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	Monthly Calendar - input	11	100	Improve the ability of staff to work effectively with parents by providing support and information
2	Communicating with parents	11	100	Provided teachers with information to enhance parent communication

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include the content and type of activity, number of activities, number of participants, and the correlation to student achievement.

Review Status:**Review Comments:****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 upcoming 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	Parent work schedules	Conduct/Hold meetings before school and during evening hours
2	Parent Language	Conduct meetings in both languages English/Spanish
3	Parent Interest	Analyze Title I Survey Results, provide incentive for parents to attend such as free dinner

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include:

- Identification of barrier which hindered participation by parents in parental involvement activities (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); and
- Description of how the LEA will use the information gathered from the evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement policies described in Section 1118.

Review Status:**Review Comments:****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)

count	Content/Purpose	Description of the Activity
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Review Rubric:

Activities described in this section should be correlated to student achievement and include sufficient detail that another LEA or school could use the information to develop a similar program.

Review Status:**Review Comments:**