

ACADEMY FOR COMMUNITY ED (ACE) Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Plan

I, Dr. Deborah A. Carter, 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)].

Dr. Deborah A. Carter

10/1/15

Signature of Principal or Designee

Date Signed

Mission Statement

Parental Involvement Mission Statement (Optional)

Response: The Academy for Community Education (ACE) believes that parent/family involvement is fundamental to student achievement. As a result, ACE encourages parent/family involvement in school educational planning and operations. In the spirit of family and community partnerships this plan seeks to strengthen the partnership among parents and the school by providing for parents' involvement in decision making as members of school based planning teams and parent groups.

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: The Academy for Community Education believes in involving parents in all aspects of its Title I programs. The SAC has the responsibility for developing, implementing, and evaluating the various school level plans, including the SIP and PIP. All parent members of the SAC were given the opportunity to review the plan and offer their input prior to approval. Parent opinion is sought out regarding what types of activities, trainings and services they need to help their child. In addition, parent opinion is considered by the SAC to determine needed changes. During the SAC meeting when the PIP and/or SIP are developed the committee will decide, with the input from parents how the parental involvement funds will be used.

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	Title I in Action: A Practitioners Perspective!	The Title I office and the school work together to increase parental involvement in their child's education. Meetings, activities and events are held through out the school year.
2	Individuals with Disabilities Education ACT (IDEA)	Supplemental instructional support provided by Title I will be discussed with parents during Open House and the development of the students IEP.

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	Services Provided by School thru Title I	Principal	August 24, 2015 through June 9, 2016	Sign-In Sheets
2	Connect-ED Messages	Principal	August 24, 2015 through June 9, 2016	Connect-ED Message Summaries
3	Flyers	Principal	August 24, 2015 through June 9, 2016	Flyers

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: The Academy for Community Education (ACE) is a county wide alternative high school, the administration and staff believe in the importance of parental involvement in the academic

success of the student. It is very difficult for the parents to come to the school regularly. Therefore, in order to facilitate parent participation in meetings the school has scheduled 3 yearly meetings. Additionally, the meeting schedule may be modified as needed.

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	FSA, Workshops for FCAT and End of Course (EOC)	Principal	FSA, FCAT and EOC Reading/Math/Science/	November/January/February	Sign-in sheets handouts, agendas and presentation materials
2	College Preparation Workshop	Principal	Prepare for College	January thru June	Sign-in sheets
3	Assessments discussed during individuals conferences	Principal	Teachers will conduct individual conferences to discuss each child's assessment results, expectations, and goals for the school year.	September through June	Sign-in Sheets

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)].

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1	Implementation and coordination of parental involvement program: "Parents Count"	School staff.	Improve the ability to work with parents.	January	Sign-in sheets

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: Develop and implement the parent resource center and expand resources available to parents.

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 meeting of parents in September, the Academy for Community Education (ACE) will hold a general meeting where information will be presented about the Title I programs, the curriculum, and academic assessments. Also, Ace will communicate with parents through Connect-ED messages, flyers and phone calls.

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: The school will disseminate information through various sources such as parent letters, flyers, Connect Ed messages and postings on the school's Webpage, progress reports and report cards, informational letters that provide strategies and activities for parents to use at home to increase student achievement. Furthermore, parents will be encouraged to discuss their child's performance with the teacher any time during the school year.

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

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.

Uploaded Document

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	Assessments discussed during individual conferences	73	73	Dean of discipline conducted individual conferences to discuss each child's assessment results and academic progress.

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)].

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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
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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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