

GATEWAY ENVIRONMENTAL K-8 LEARNING CENTER Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Plan

I, Lucas J. De La Torre , 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 the Gateway Environmental K-8 Learning Center Title I Parental Involvement Program is to engage parents and encourage them to get involved in the students' education. Parents will be given opportunities to become more active in the educational process. Also, they'll be able to provide some input, which will help strengthen our outreach. To maintain this active involvement, we will preserve and facilitate understanding of the academic standards set forth by the state and county. Of course, all of this will be implemented with the focus always being the students' best interest and academic needs.

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.

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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: Gateway Environmental K-8 Learning Center Title I Program is dedicated to encouraging parental involvement as required in Title I Part A (Section 1118(c)(3)); (Section 1114(b)(2)) and (Section 1118(a)(2)(B)). In order to accomplish this goal, many activities will be supported at the Title I served school with the involvement of parents in the development of the Parental Involvement Plan, the Compact and the process of school review and improvement. The people responsible for the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I program are Administration, Reading Coach, and Community Liaison Specialist. Parent representatives of Parent Advisory Council (PAC) , PTA will be engaged in the planning, review, and improvement of this School Parental Involvement Plan through workshops at the school, meetings, flyers sent to parents for meeting dates and times, parent discussions with the Principal, Assistant Principal and EESAC meeting invitations.

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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)].

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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	Services are provided to ensure students requiring additional remediation are assisted through extended learning opportunities (before-school and/or after-school programs, Saturday Academy or summer school). Curriculum Coaches develop, lead, and evaluate school core content standards/ programs; identify and analyze existing literature on scientifically based curriculum/behavior assessment and intervention approaches. They identify systematic patterns of student need while working with district
2	Title II	The District uses supplemental funds for improving basic education as follows: •Training to certify qualified mentors for the New Teacher (MINT) Program • training for add-on endorsement programs, such as Reading, Gifted, ESOL training and substitute release time for Professional Development Liaisons (PDL) at each school focusing on Professional Learning Community (PLC) development and facilitation, as well as Lesson Study Group implementation and protocols.
3	Title III	Services are provided through the district for education materials and ELL district support services to improve the education of immigrant and English Language Learners.
4	Title I Part C	Gateway Environmental K-8 Learning Center provides services and support to migrant students and parents. The District Migrant liaison coordinates with Title I and other programs and conducts a comprehensive needs assessment of migrant students to ensure that the unique needs of migrant students are met. Students are also provided extended learning opportunities (before-school and/or after-school, and summer school) by the Title I, Part C, and Migrant Education Program.
5	Nutrition Programs	The school adheres to and implements the nutrition requirements stated in the District Wellness Policy. 2) Nutrition education, as per state statute, is taught through physical education. 3) The School Food Service Program, school breakfast, school lunch, and after care snacks, follows the Healthy Food and Beverage Guidelines as adopted in the District's Wellness Policy..

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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 Parent Meeting	Principal, Assistant Principal, and CLS	September 2014	Sign-in sheets, Minutes, handout, Flyer, survey, Connect-Ed

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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: Gateway Environmental K-8 Learning Center plans to use the results and information that parents provided on a survey administered at beginning of the 2014-2015 school year to design the Title I meetings, projects, and workshops. The time frame suggested on the survey will also be considered. The school will hand out an annual calendar to form parents of all activities with a variety of meeting times that fit their schedule needs. The Family Resource Center will maintain information pamphlets of the meetings for those parents who were not able to attend them. This is a way to keep all parents informed. The CLS will also have brochures and material available through home visits. The reading coach, counselors, and administration will conduct workshops focused on topics such as Reading, Math, Science, Bullying, Attendance. The Parent Academy will conduct workshops and Office of Parental Involvement will support and provide resources for parents like Parent Resource Guides, Recognition Award Programs for Parents, Florida Parent Involvement Program (School Best Practices) Parent-Teachers.

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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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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	Person	Anticipated Impact on	Timeline	Evidence of
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	of Activity	Responsible	Student Achievement		Effectiveness
1	Assesments discussed during individual conferences	School Administration, Reading Coach, CLS	Florida Assessment strategies to enhance knowledge and academic performance	October 2014 and April 2015	Review sign in sheets/logs to determine the number of parents attending the workshop.
2	Parent Leadership	Principal and CLS	Increase the involvement of parents to become active in the decisions made by the Title I school	Throughout the school year	End of the year parent survey
3	Reading Plus	Literacy Leadership Team	Increase the involvement of parents to become active in the students reading progress	Throughout the school year	Reading plus reports to make sure the student is making necessary progress
4	Strategies for assisting with home learning	Reading Coach and CLS	Increase the involvement of parents becoming active in their students home learning	September 2014 & November 2014	As evidenced by increases accomplishment in standardized test scores
5	The school Parent Survey Compilations of Results is analyzed and used work and prepared the Title I PIP	Principal and CLS	It provides instruction, information, and support services that reinforce the relations between parent and the school in having an important effect ways that improve academic achievement	Throughout the school year	As evidenced by increases accomplishment in standardized test scores
6	Science activities	Science Teahcer, CLS	Increase the involvement of parents becoming active in their students home learning	Throughout the school year	Review sign in sheets/logs to determine the number of parents attending the workshop.

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

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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	!Ready	Reading Coach/Mathematics Coach/ Liaison	Programs that can be utilized at home to improve student achievement.	Starting in September 2014– Ongoing	As evidenced by increased achievement in the standardized test scores Utilization reports of programs.
2	Common Core State Standards and Florida Assessment	PD Liaison, Reading Coach	Learning how to use the data to inform parents of weaknesses and strengths.	September 2014	As evidenced by increased achievement in the standardizes test scores
3	Small Group Differentiated	Reading Coach	Programs that can be utilized at home to improve student achievement	November 2014	As evidence by increased achievement in the standardized test score. Progress monitoring data
4	Attendance	Assistant Principal, CIS and Counselor	It assists parents with activities that are linked to improving academic achievement	Throughout the year	Cognos attendance reports, CLS home visits
5	Strategies for Home learning	Administration, Reading Coach, and CIS	It assists parents with activities that are linked to improving academic achievement	November 2014 and December 2014	Sign-in sheets to indicate the amount of parents attending
6	Building ties between home and school; Train the Trainer	Principal, Assistant Principal and CLS	It assists parents with activities that are linked to improving academic achievement	Throughout the year	As evidenced by increased achievement in the standardized test scores.
7	The Parent Academy Trainings	Principal and CLS	It assists parents with activities that are linked to improving academic achievement	Throughout the year	As evidenced by increased achievement in the standardized test scores
8	Reding Plus 2.0	Reading Leader	It assists parents with activities that are linked to improving academic achievement	Throughout the year	As evidenced by increased achievement in the standardized test scores Utilization reports of programs
9	Gizmos	Science Liaison	Activities that are linked to improving student achievement	Throughout the year	As evidenced by increased achievement in the standardized test scores Utilization reports of programs
10	Achieve 3000 STEM Scope	Science Liaison	Activities that are linked to improving student achievement	Throughout the year	As evidenced by increased achievement in the standardized test

					scores Utilization reports of programs
11	Edgenuity	Instructional coaches	Activities that are linked to improving student achievement	Throughout the year	As evidenced by increased achievement in the standardized test scores Utilization reports of programs

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: Gateway Environmental K-8 Learning Center parents have an open invitation to the Title I Family Resource Center from 8:30 A.M. - 3:30P.M. The school will provide assistance through the Community Liaison Specialist for Parent Portal, health insurance, uniforms, attendance, computer assistance, and The Family Resource Center at Gateway Environmental K-8 Learning Center has an open doors policy. Parents, guardians, and the community can walk in and sign-out any material, training programs, books and resources to enhance the children's learning at home. Computers are also available to parent to access the parent portal. School conduct training workshops will be available to parents and guardians who would like to learn how to use computers and have access to the school web site. The school will send flyers, newsletters; calendars Connect-Ed messages and home visit to make the parents aware about the school trainings, meetings, PACE Club "Parents, Art,Craft and Educational Club" or any other activities

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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.

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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: Gateway Environmental K-8 Learning Center will build connections between the District, school and parents through providing parents timely information about Title I programs, with information about the school curriculum and academic assessments to measure student progress, and proficiency levels the students are expected to meet through the parent handbook in September 2014. Parents will receive progress reports on student performance every 5 weeks and report cards every nine weeks. Parent conferences can be scheduled with the teachers, upon request. The school will communicate with parents and guardians through the school website, newsletters, flyers, phone calls, Connet- Ed messages and conferences with the teachers, as well as by conducting workshops and home visits. The PAC representatives are invited to our EESAC meetings to inform, plan and make decisions related to the education of the children. A translator will be available in the native language for any activity provide for the parents.

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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.

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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:

Gateway Environmental K-8 Learning Center will invite parents to participate in parental involvement activities through letters, phone messages, and the website. All information is translated for all parents to understand. There will be an open opportunity for parents with Limited English Proficiency, parents of migratory children through Bilingual Outreach Program workshops in Spanish, parent classes, and SPED meetings with parents. The school will provide a translator at the meetings, workshops, and conferences with the teachers. There will also be written translations on flyers, notices, newsletters, and any other documents like surveys that are sent to the homes. The Parental Involvement Plan document, home visits, and phone calls are also available in the languages spoken by the parents and guardians. For parents with lack of transportation, the CLS will conduct a home visit as per requested to provide any needed information. The school will assist parents with activities that are linked to improving academic achievement. The Family Resource Center will provide training to the parents monthly throughout the year. Parent involvement opportunities will take place both during and after school to encourage participation by as many families as possible

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.

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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

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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.

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Upload Evidence of Input from Parents

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

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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.

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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].

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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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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	FCAT Parents night	1	137	Student achievement due to parent involvement
2	STEM family night	1	46	Student achievement due to parent involvement
3	Meet and Greet the Teacher	1	502	Student achievement due to parent involvement
4	Title I annual Orientation Meetig	1	990	Student achievement due to parent involvement
5	SAT Parent night	1	40	Student achievement due to parent involvement
6	Meet and greet the teachers	1	800	Student achievement due to parent involvement

Review Rubric:

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

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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	Truancy	1	99	Activities that are linked to improving student achievement
2	Title I	1	107	Activities that are linked to improving student achievement
3	FCAT/SAT	1	117	Activities that are linked to improving student achievement
4	Be A Mentor	1	42	Activities that are linked to improving student achievement
5	Curriculum	1	15	Activities that are linked to improving student achievement
6	Mc Grow Hill	1	128	Activities that are linked to improving student achievement
7	Success Maker	1	19	Activities that are linked to improving student achievement

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

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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 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	Parents lack of time for involvement	We develop personal contact with parents and families through parent resource center, parent-teacher conferences, home visiting, phone calls, connect ed and information the school web site
2	Language barrier limit parent ability to get involve	The school provided a translator at the workshops, and conferences with the teachers. Material, flyer was sent in their home language
3	Transportation	Offer meetings and activities at different times and different days

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.

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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)

count	Content/Purpose	Description of the Activity
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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.

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