

FORREST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN 2017-2018

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The Forrest City School District will support programs, activities, and initiatives for the involvement of parents in all Title I, Part A schools, consistent with Section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). These programs, activities, and initiatives will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation and involvement from parents of participating students.

Goal 1:

The District will foster effective parent and family engagement strategies and support partnerships among schools, parents, and the community to improve student achievement by utilizing the six types of engagement- parenting, communication, volunteering, student learning, decision making and community collaboration.

Strategies for reaching goal:

1. Develop and disseminate district parent and family engagement policy.

2. Conduct an annual fall and spring meeting to update policy for the next year's Title I, Part A program. (Contact: Sandra Mills, 870-633-1485 or sandra.mills@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us)

3. Involve parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1% of Title I, Part A funds reserved for Parent and Family Engagement is allocated, and ensure that no less than 95% of the 1% reserved goes directly to the schools.

4. Coordinate parent and family engagement activities in conjunction with preschool and other programs. Activity ideas will be developed through the use of a Parent and Family Engagement survey.

(Contact: LaSandra Bean, 870-633-1485 or lasandra.bean@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us)

5. Ensure parent and family engagement contact persons are identified at each of the Title I, Part A schools in accordance with Arkansas Act 603/307.

Contacts-

- Central Elementary School- Ennie Hardrick, 870-633-2141 or ennie.hardrick@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- Stewart Elementary School- Mattie Watson & Mary Allen, 870-633-3248 or mattie.watson@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us & mary.allen@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- 6th Grade Academy - Jana Richey, 870-261-1810 or jana.richey@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- Forrest City Junior High School- Evelyn Turner, 870-633-3230 or evelyn.turner@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- Forrest City High School- Abbie Robinson, 870-633-1464 or abbie.robinson@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us

6. Conduct an annual review of the effectiveness of the Title I, Part A Parent and Family Engagement policy through a survey. (Contact: LaSandra Bean, 870-633-1485 or lasandra.bean@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us)

7. Develop district parent and family engagement committee to create a Parent and Family Engagement policy and implement Parent and Family Engagement activities as well as disseminate information to the community to promote Parent and Family Engagement in the Title I, Part A schools.

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8. Ensure that parents of children with disabilities or limited English proficiency have the same access to information as other parents. This will include providing information in a language and form they can understand.

9. Engaged parents in the process of school review and improvement under Section 1116 of ESEA as amended by ESSA.

Goal 2:

The District will provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective Parent and Family Engagement.

Strategies for reaching goal:

1. Conduct ongoing site visits to observe Parent and Family Engagement practices.

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- Central Elementary School- Ennie Hardrick, 870-633-2141 or ennie.hardrick@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- Stewart Elementary School- Mattie Watson & Mary Allen, 870-633-3248 or mattie.watson@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us & mary.allen@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- 6th Grade Academy of Excellence- Jana Richey, 870-261-1810 or jana.richey@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- Forrest City Junior High School- Felecia Kelly, 870-633-3230 or felecia.kelly@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- Forrest City High School- Abbie Robinson, 870-633-1464 or abbie.robinson@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us

2. Provide materials and training not otherwise available to assist parents in supporting their child's academic achievement.

3. Enhance the awareness and skills of teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and staff in reaching out to, communicating with, and working with parents as equal partners.

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4. Ensure, to the extent possible, that information is sent home in a language and form parents can understand. This will include appropriate languages and formats.

5. Provide a copy of the school policy at each school for parents to view as well as provide a copy to each parent.

6. Monitor schools to ensure that each school performs the following tasks:

- Develops a parental involvement policy.
- Offers flexible meeting times.
- Provides information to parents about the school's program, including parent information guides.
- Develops and uses a School – Parent Compact.

- Provides training for parents in working with their child to improve academic achievement, to include training on the phone notification system in order to have real-time access to their child's attendance and achievement.

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- Involves parents on committees as participants in decision making capacities.

7. Encourage parents to visit/volunteer at school by assisting staff in developing volunteer opportunities as well as training staff to encourage and build volunteer efforts.

8. Encourage parent participation through innovative scheduling of activities through strategies such as holding meetings at a variety of times (morning and evenings) in order to maximize the opportunities for parents to participate in school-related activities.

Goal 3:

The District will build the school's capacity for strong Parent and Family Engagement.

Strategies for reaching goal:

1. Provide information to participating parents in such areas as national, state, and local education goals, including parents' rights as defined in Title I, Part A.

Contact: Principals-

- Central Elementary School- Sharon Council, 870-633-2141 or sharon.council@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- Stewart Elementary School- Hazel Wallace, 870-633-3248 or hazel.wallace@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- 6th Grade Academy - Jana Richey, 870-261-1810 or jana.richey@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- Forrest City Junior High School- Carlos Fuller, 870-633-3230 or carlos.fuller@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- Forrest City High School- Oceola Hicks, 870-633-1464 or oceola.hicks@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us

2. Assist in the development of parent and family engagement activities at each school by having regular meetings with parent facilitators.
3. Encourage the formation of partnerships between schools and local businesses that includes roles for parents.
4. Provide resources for parents to learn about child development, child rearing practices, and academic strategies that are designed to help parents become full partners in the education of their child.
5. Involve parents through an annual survey to improve school effectiveness.

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6. Approve reasonable and necessary expenses associated with Parent and Family Engagement activities.

7. Provide any reasonable support for parent and family engagement at the request of participating Title I, Part A parents.

Goal 4:

The District will conduct, with the engagement of parents, ongoing evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy as it relates to strategies for increasing parental participation and identifying barriers of parent participation.

Strategies for reaching this goal:

1. Survey parents annually including questions to identify barriers to parent and family engagement.

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2. Provide an opportunity for parents to assist in the development of the evaluation procedures, including analysis of data collected. Parents will be invited to join a parent focus group. This group will evaluate the data collected from the annual survey.
3. Develop procedures for collecting parent participation documentation through sign-in lists for workshops, meetings, and conferences; schedules; brochures; meeting notes; and other means as appropriate throughout the school year.
4. Use findings from evaluation process to:
 - a. Make recommendations to each participating school for Parent and Family Engagement policy revisions
 - b. Provide suggestions for designing school improvement policies, as they relate to parental engagement. Suggestions will be provided by the parent coordinator and parent facilitator.
5. Develop and disseminate an annual parent activity evaluation report to share with parents, staff and the community. (*Contact: LaSandra Bean, 870-633-1485 or lasandra.bean@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us*)

Goal 5:

The District will involve parents in the joint development of the district Title I Application under section 1112 (ACSIP).

Strategies for reaching this goal:

1. Recruit parents to serve on district ACSIP committee to develop the Title I Application. (*Contact: Sandra Mills, 870-633-1485 or sandra.mills@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us*)
2. Encourage the formation of partnerships between the district and local businesses that includes roles for parents.
3. Involve parents through an annual survey to improve district effectiveness. These surveys are used to improve district effectiveness with parent and family engagement.