

# **TITLE I FAMILY INVOLVEMENT PLAN**

## **Jennings Elementary School 2019-2020**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

A major goal of the **Jennings Elementary School** Title I Program is to encourage greater involvement of parents in the education of their children and in developing a strong partnership with teachers, principals, staff, the community and school.

We are committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child. The child benefits if the school and home form a partnership promoting high expectations for our children. Parents are the children's first teachers. Parental support for their children and for the school is critical to their children's success at every step of the way. We strive to include parents in all aspects of the school's Title I Program. The goal is to create a strong school to home partnership that will help all students succeed.

### **Decision Making**

**Goal: Include parents in school decisions and develop parent leaders and representatives**

- A School Improvement Team comprised of parents, teachers, and administrators will be formed and meet quarterly.
- The School Improvement Team and Title I staff will develop a family involvement plan.
- The school will share responsibility with parents for high student performance by developing a school-parent-student compact jointly with parents of children participating in the program. These compacts will outline how parents, staff and students will share responsibility for promoting high student achievement.
- Family/parent involvement is solicited and encouraged in developing the School Improvement Plan.
- Parents, teachers, staff, and administrators from each school in the district are included in the District Advisory Council which meets each semester. The council develops the District Family Involvement Plan and provides input regarding programmatic decisions to be incorporated in the development of the consolidated federal application.
- The School Improvement Team will review and improve the Title I program as needed. A variety of stakeholders will be surveyed as part of the evaluation. Also, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Title I family involvement program will be done. The assessment will include a parent survey conducted at the district level.

### **Communicating**

**Goal: Design more effective forms of school-to-home and home-to-school communications with all families each year about school programs and their children's progress.**

- A Title I parent meeting is held each fall to inform parents of the Title I program and its notification requirements. Parent Center liaisons will be available to distribute parent information. (Back-to-School Nights – August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019)
- An open-house will be held on September 24, 2019.
- Communication with parents will consist of newsletters sent home. Grade sheets (weekly or every two weeks), progress reports (mid-nine weeks), and report cards (each nine weeks) will

inform parents of students' academic , and behavioral progress. Teachers will either use Class Dojo or Remind 101 to communicate with parents. In addition, the School Mobile App will be available to JES parents pending approval. Other contacts will be made through telephone calls, school messenger system, newspaper notices, and home visits.

- Teachers and parents will be encouraged to use notes, calls, and visits to inform each other of difficulties and successes.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be held at the school site at the request of parents or teachers to discuss student performance and review compact. All conferences will be scheduled upon request with school administration.
- Parents have the right to request information about the qualifications of their children's teachers or paraprofessional who instructs them.
- Parents will be notified if their child is placed in a program for Limited English Proficient (LEP) students. The English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher will provide information regarding the program activities, how it will help their child learn English, the exit requirements, and will work with the family in developing strategies to enhance the effectiveness of the program.
- Parents will be notified on the level of achievement of their child in each of the State Academic Assessments (spring high stakes tests). Results of the state assessments will be sent home with the final report cards or when they become available to the schools.

### **Learning at Home**

Goal: Provide information and ideas to families about how to help students at home with homework and other curricular-related activities, decisions, and planning.

- Family Math/Literacy night will be held at Jennings Elementary to provide parents the opportunity to experience ways to assist their child with learning at home.
- Spring Content Showcase Days will be held at Jennings Elementary School to highlight students' successes throughout the 19-20 school year.
- Parent Center referral forms will be used to refer parents to the Title I Parent Center for help in specific skills and request parent liaison visitation.
- The Parent Center located at 720 E. Plaquemine St. in Jennings is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for parents of students PreK to grade 5. Educational materials and information may be checked out free of charge. Parent Liaisons will facilitate communication between parents and schools. Home visits will be made to those parents unable to come to the Parent Center.
- Parents will receive a compact with a checklist of responsibilities that teachers, parents, and students will have for helping students achieve the goals.
- Monthly Title I newsletters describing ideas for at home learning will be available online.
- Our school values both at-home contributions and those that take place at school and in the community. Reading to children at home, talking with them at family mealtime, providing an at-home study period, making sure homework assignments are complete and monitoring TV programs are as important as volunteering at school or serving on committees.

### **Volunteering**

Goal: Recruit and organize parent help and support. Survey collected.

- Parents and community stakeholders are welcome on the Jennings Elementary School campus to volunteer to aide teachers in copying papers, changing bulletin boards, etc.; to serve as guest speakers; to help with JES monthly Club Day; to help with JES on-campus events (Red Ribbon Week, Book Fair, Veteran's Day, Award's Day, Dance Sport, Fun Day, etc.); to chaperone school-sponsored field trips; to help with class holiday parties, etc.

### **Parenting**

Goal: Help all families establish home environments to support children as students.

- Parent liaisons through the Parent Center are available to provide assistance to families.
- Back-to-School Night
- Open House
- Family Volunteer Day
- Literacy/Math Night
- Nine Weeks Award's Day
- Spring Content Showcase Days
- Award's Day (May 2020)

### **Collaborating with the Community**

Goal: Identify and integrate resources and services from the community to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning and development.

- Under McKinney-Vento legislation, students deemed eligible for homeless can receive assistance through the Jeff Davis Title I office located in Jennings at 720 E. Plaquemine Street.
- Likewise, Title I provides assistance to children of migrant families ages 3-12.
- Red-Ribbon Week, Veteran's Day, Family Volunteer Day, Literacy/Math Night, Award's Day Assemblies, Spring Content Showcase Day, Fun Day
- Family Volunteer Day, Pennies for Presents, Random Acts of Kindness