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## 1730 SOLDAN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

### SCHOOL, PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

All check boxes marked in this policy indicate an assurance on the part of the school.

Type of Title I.A program

Schoolwide

Targeted

- This school parent and family engagement policy is developed jointly with, distributed to, and agreed on with parents of participating children, including parents of migrant and EL children. *Section 1116 (b)(1)*

Describe how the school seeks and obtains the agreement of parents to the parent and family engagement policy.

All staff are encouraged to contact parents and invite them to Registration, Open House, and the Title I.A. Annual and Evaluation meetings to provide opportunities for families to interact with faculty, staff, and community partners. There are also monthly meetings focused on college and financial aid applications, family support, literacy, and more. Meeting notifications are posted in the main office, around school, on the website, and sent to families via email. We will also send out robocalls for the parent meetings.

- Parents are notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format. *Section 1116(b)(1)*

- The school parent and family engagement policy is provided in a language the parents can understand. *Section 1116(b)(1)*

#### POLICY INVOLVEMENT

- At the beginning of the school year, the school convenes an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children are invited and encouraged to attend. *Section 1116 (c)(1)*
- The agenda reflects that the purpose of the meeting is
- To inform parents of their school's participation in the Title I.A program
  - To explain the requirements of Title I.A

- To explain the right of parents to be involved.

*Section 1116 (c)(1)*

- The school offers a flexible number of meetings. *Section 1116 (c)(2)*

- Using Title I.A funds, to promote parental involvement the school provides (check all that apply)

Transportation

Child care

Home visits

- Funds will not be utilized for these purposes

*Section 1116 (c)(2)*

The school involves parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way:

- In the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I.A program and if applicable Schoolwide program plan in the school. *Section 1116 (c)(3)*

Describe how parents are involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I.A program and if applicable Schoolwide program plan in the school.

Since we do not have a family community specialist, the principal will work with the social worker, library aid, and counselors to plan family engagement events throughout the year. Parents were represented on the school improvement plan committee. Parents attend the Title I.A. Annual and Evaluation meetings to plan, review, and provide feedback for improvement.

- In the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy. *Section 1116 (c)(3)*

Describe how parents are involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy.

Parents are asked to provide feedback at every engagement activity. Additionally, the policy was reviewed and parents provided suggestions during the Title I.A. Annual Evaluation Meeting held in the spring.

The school provides parents of participating children:

- Timely information about the Title I.A programs. *Section 1116 (c)(4)(A)*

Describe plans to provide information about the Title I.A programs.

Information is shared with families during registration, open houses, parent-teacher conferences, as well as via letters, flyers, and email blasts sent to families on a monthly basis. The librarian also makes phone calls to invite families to attend Title I.A. meetings.

- A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments that are used to measure progress, and the achievement levels of the MAP assessment.

*Section 1116 (c)(4)(B)*

Describe methods and plans to provide a description and explanation of the curriculum, academic assessments, and MAP achievement levels.

Teachers send introductory emails to families where course information is shared about the curriculum via syllabi. More information about curriculum, assessments, and student performance on MAP is shared with families as received via school newsletter, teacher emails, parent-teacher conferences, parent meetings, and at parent's request.

Opportunities, as appropriate, to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. *Section 1116 (c)(4)(C)*

Responses to their suggestions as soon as possible. *Section 1116 (c)(4)(C)*

## SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIGH STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### School-Parent Compact

The School-Parent Compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards. *Section 1116 (d)*

The school jointly develops with parents of Title I.A served children the school-parent compact.

The school-parent compact will

Describe the ways in which all parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning. *Section 1116 (d)(1)*

SLPS Parents will support of academic achievement includes but may not be limited to the following.

- ?Make sure my child is in school every day possible and on time;?
- ?Check that homework is completed including reading for 30 minutes per night;?
- ?Monitor and limit screen time;??
- ?Volunteer in my child's classroom/school when possible;?
- ?Be aware of my child's extra-curricular time and activities;?
- ?Stay informed about my child's education by reading all communications?from the school and responding appropriately;?
- ?Keep school informed and up-to-date with contact information (phone numbers, email, etc.); and?
- ?Notify school of all absences as they occur.?

Describe the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment. *Section 1116 (d)(1)*

Our School Staff will provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment by doing the following:

- ?We will provide high-quality instruction and materials to our students.
- ?We will plan and participate in high-quality professional development which incorporates the latest research.
- ?We will maintain a safe and positive school climate.

We will hold annual parent-teacher conferences in the fall and spring to:

- ?Discuss the child's progress/grades during the first quarter (Fall Conference)
- ?Discuss this compact as it relates to the child's achievement
- ?Examine the child's achievement and any pending options at the end of the third quarter (Spring Conference)

Provide parents with frequent reports on their child's progress as follows:

- ?Frequent communication from the teacher;
- ?Mid quarter progress reports and quarterly grade reports; and
- ?MAP and STAR test scores shared on progress reports, report cards, and at parent/teacher conferences.

Be accessible to parents and offer them opportunities to provide input through:

- ?Email, phone calls or person-to-person meetings;
- ?Scheduled consultation before, during, or after school and
- ?Scheduled school or home visits, as necessary.

Provide Parents Opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class and to observe classroom activities as follows:

- ?Listen to children read;
- ?Have an opportunity to become a room parent;
- ?Present a program on their culture, a different country, a special skill or career, etc.;
- ?Assist with programs or parties, educational trips,

Addresses the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum

- Conducting parent-teacher conferences at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed
  - Issuing frequent reports to parents on their children's progress
  - Providing reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer, and observation of classroom activities
  - Ensuring regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff, and, in a language that family members can understand
- Section 1116 (d)(2)(A) (B),(C),(D)*

**BUILDING CAPACITY FOR INVOLVEMENT**

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, the school

- Provides assistance to parents, as appropriate, in understanding
  - o the Missouri Learning Standards,
  - o the Missouri Assessment Program,
  - o local assessments,
  - o how to monitor a child's progress, and
  - o how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.*Section 1116 (e)(1)*

Describe plans to provide assistance.

The Missouri Learning Standards are implemented in all classrooms, regardless of content area. Teachers send periodic updates to parents about what students are learning in classes. Parents are provided the opportunity to learn about the curriculum in each classroom and the Learning Standards being used during parent-teacher conferences. Teacher- and district-made formative and summative assessments are used throughout the year and across contents gauge students' level of mastery. How students performed are shared with parents.

- Provides materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement. *Section 1116 (e)(2)*

Describe plans to provide materials and training.

There are several opportunities for parents to gain knowledge about helping their children succeed academically. Again, parent-teacher conferences are a great time for the school to reach out to parents because of the high volume of parents in the building at one time. Monthly parent meetings on curriculum, college and career preparedness, family resources are held both in-person and virtually to give families more information about supporting their student's academic achievement.

- Educates teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school. *Section 1116 (e)(3)*

Describe plans to educate school personnel regarding working with parents.

Staff members receive professional development on contacting parents regularly. Teachers and counselors receive training on keeping an active parent-contact log in the student information system to track the education provided parents. Reaching out to parents when there is academic, discipline, and attendance concerns is just as important as contacting parents about what students are doing well in the classroom and in the building. Any opportunity to make contact and to establish solid lines of communication between staff and parents/guardians is a great way to advocate for our students.

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, the school

- To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinates and integrates parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conducts other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. *Section 1116 (e)(4)*

Describe plans to coordinate and integrate.

It has been difficult to effectively communicate and engage with parents without a Family and Community Specialist on staff. We have community programs represented when parents are in the building during parent-teacher conferences, open houses, and registration nights to encourage parent attendance. The goal is to increase face-to-face time between teachers and parents because they are equally important in our scholars' successes and failures. Information and notifications sent to parents via robo calls, school website, emails, events, and meetings with the support of the parent engagement committee.

- Ensures that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, in a language the parents can understand. *Section 1116 (e)(5)*
- Provides reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request. *Section 1116 (e)(14)*

### Optional additional assurances

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, the school: (optional; check if applicable)

- Involves parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of parent involvement training. *Section 1116 (e)(6)*
- Provides necessary literacy training from Title I funds if the local educational agency has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for literacy training. *Section 1116 (e)(7)*
- Pays reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions. *Section 1116 (e)(8)*
- Trains parents to enhance the involvement of other parents. *Section 1116 (e)(9)*
- Arranges school meetings at a variety of times, or conducts in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation. Adopts and implements model approaches to improving parental involvement. *Section 1116 (e)(10)*
- May adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement. *Section 1116 (e)(11)*

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