

Mt. Diablo USD

Board Policy

Parent Involvement

BP 6020

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that sustained parent involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment. ~~The Board of the district believes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the family and school. The Board recognizes the necessity and value of family-school partnerships to support student growth and academic achievement and further seeks to facilitate this partnership through a parent-involvement component in all school site plans. Recognizing that parent/guardian involvement takes many forms, the Board, administration and staff are committed to supporting districtwide parent participation via the six types of parent/guardian involvement described in The California Strategic Plan for Parent Involvement by:~~

- ~~1. — Providing educational opportunities to help parents to develop parenting skills and to foster conditions at home that support children's efforts in learning.~~
- ~~2. — Providing parents with training in effective strategies for assisting their children to learn at home.~~
- ~~3. — Providing parents/guardians with knowledge of and access to school and community support services for children and families.~~
- ~~4. — Training teachers and administrators to communicate effectively about school programs and student achievement with all parents/guardians, respecting the diversity and differing needs of families.~~
- ~~5. — Involving parents/guardians, after appropriate training, in classroom support roles at schools.~~
- ~~6. — Supporting parents/guardians as participating decision-makers and encouraging their leadership in governing, advising and advocacy roles.~~

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with parents/guardians and family members in the development of meaningful opportunities for them to be involved in district and school activities at all grade levels; advisory, decision-making, and advocacy roles; and activities to support learning at home.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 0420.1—School Based Program Coordination)

~~(cf. 0420.5—School-Based Decision Making
(cf. 0520.1—High Priority Schools Grant Program)
(cf. 0520.2—Title I Program Improvement Schools)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)~~

Parents/guardians shall be notified of their rights to be informed about and to participate in their children's education and of the opportunities available to them to do so.

~~(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 5145.6—Parental Notifications)~~

The district's local control and accountability plan shall include goals and strategies for parent/guardian involvement, including district efforts to seek parent/guardian input in district and school site decision making and to promote parent/guardian participation in programs for English learners, foster youth, students eligible for free and reduced-price meals, and students with disabilities. (Education Code 42238.02, 52060)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

~~The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies applicable to each school that does not receive federal Title I funds to encourage the involvement and support of parents/guardians in the education of their children, including, but not limited to, strategies describing how the district and schools will address the purposes and goals described in Education Code 11502. (Education Code 11504)~~

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the Board on the effectiveness of the district's parent/guardian and family engagement ~~involvement~~ efforts, including, but not limited to, input from parents/guardians, family members, and school staff on the adequacy of ~~parent~~-involvement opportunities and on barriers that may inhibit ~~parent/guardian~~ participation.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Title I Schools

~~Each year the Superintendent or designee shall identify specific objectives of the district's parent-involvement program for schools that receive Title I funding. He/she shall ensure that parents/guardians are consulted and participate in the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of the parent involvement program. (Education Code 11503)~~

The Superintendent or designee shall involve parents/guardians and family members in establishing district expectations and objectives for meaningful parent/guardian and family engagement in schools supported by Title I funding, developing strategies that describe how the

district will carry out each activity listed in 20 USC 6318, as contained in the accompanying administrative regulation, and implementing and evaluating such programs, activities, and procedures. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct outreach to all parents/guardians and family members. (Education Code 11503; 20 USC 6318)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

When the district's Title I, Part A allocation exceeds the amount specified in 20 USC 6318, the Board shall reserve at least one percent of the funding to implement parent/guardian and family engagement activities. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's parent involvement strategies are jointly developed with and agreed upon by parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs. Those strategies shall establish expectations for parent involvement and describe how the district will carry out each activity listed in 20 USC 6318.

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with parents/guardians of participating students in the planning and implementation of parent involvement programs, activities, and regulations. He/she also shall involve parents/guardians and family members of participating students in decisions regarding how the district's Title I funds will be allotted for parent/guardian and family involvement engagement activities and shall ensure that priority is given to schools in high poverty areas in accordance with the law. (20 USC 6318, 6631)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

Expenditures of such funds shall be consistent with the activities specified in this policy and shall include at least one of the following: (20 USC 6318)

1. Support for schools and nonprofit organizations in providing professional development for district and school staff regarding parent/guardian and family engagement strategies, which may be provided jointly to teachers, principals, other school leaders, specialized instructional support personnel, paraprofessionals, early childhood educators, and parents/guardians and family members
2. Support for programs that reach parents/guardians and family members at home, in the community, and at school
3. Dissemination of information on best practices focused on parent/guardian and family engagement, especially best practices for increasing the engagement of economically disadvantaged parents/guardians and family members
4. Collaboration with community-based or other organizations or employers with a record of success in improving and increasing parent and family engagement
5. Any other activities and strategies that the district determines are appropriate and consistent with this policy

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school receiving Title I funds develops a school-level parent/guardian and family involvement engagement ~~plan~~ policy in accordance with 20 USC 6318.

Non-Title I Schools

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies applicable to each school that does not receive federal Title I funds to encourage the involvement and support of parents/guardians in the education of their children, including, but not limited to, strategies describing how the district and schools will address the purposes and goals described in Education Code 11502. (Education Code 11504)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

11500-11506 Programs to encourage parent involvement

48985 Notices in languages other than English

51101 Parent rights and responsibilities

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

54444.1-54444.2 Parent advisory councils, services to migrant children

56190-56194 Community advisory committee, special education

64001 Single plan for student achievement

LABOR CODE

230.8 Time off to visit child's school

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

18275 Child care and development programs, parent involvement and education

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 ~~Parental notice of teacher qualifications and student achievement~~ State plan

6312 Local educational agency plan

6314 Schoolwide programs

~~6316 School improvement~~

6318 ~~Parent involvement~~ and family engagement

6631 Teacher and school leader incentive program, purposes and definitions

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.104 Definitions, auxiliary aids and services

35.160 Communications

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Title I School-Level Parental Involvement Policy

Family Engagement Framework: A Tool for California School Districts, 2014

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

~~Parent Involvement: Development of Effective and Legally Compliant Policies, Governance and Policy Services Policy Briefs, August 2006~~

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

89-01 Parent Involvement in the Education of Their Children, rev. 1994

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NON-REGULATORY GUIDANCE PUBLICATIONS

Parental Involvement: Title I, Part A, April 23, 2004

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Family, School, Community Partnerships:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf>

California Parent Center: <http://parent.sdsu.edu>

California State PTA: <http://www.capta.org>

National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education: <http://www.ncpie.org>

National PTA: <http://www.pta.org>

No Child Left Behind: <http://www.ed.gov/nclb>

Parent Information and Resource Centers: <http://www.pirc-info.net>

Parents as Teachers National Center: <http://www.parentsasteachers.org>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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