

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Note: 20 USC 6318, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95), **mandates** each district receiving federal Title I, Part A, funds to have a written parent/guardian and family engagement policy developed jointly with and agreed upon by parents/guardians and family members of participating students. Education Code 11504 **mandates** districts to adopt a policy on parent/guardian involvement applicable to each school that does not receive Title I funds. The following policy and accompanying administrative regulation contain language satisfying both mandates and should be revised to reflect district practice.

In addition, Education Code 51101 mandates policy for all districts addressing the manner in which parents/guardians, school staff, and students may share responsibility for continuing the intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development and well-being of students; see BP/AR 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities for language fulfilling this mandate.

For best practices in implementing parent/guardian and family engagement programs, see the California Department of Education's [Family Engagement Framework: A Tool for California School Districts](#).

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that sustained parent/guardian involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment. 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. 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)

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

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

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Title I Schools

Note: The following section is for use by districts that receive Title I funds. 20 USC 6318 **mandates** that such districts develop, jointly with parents/guardians and family members of participating students, policy which establishes expectations and objectives for meaningful parent/guardian and family involvement and describes how the district will address specified components. See the accompanying administrative regulation for the required components and optional strategies for addressing each component.

State law (Education Code 11503) also **mandates** procedures to ensure that parents/guardians are consulted and participate in the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of the Title I parent/guardian and family engagement program.

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)

Note: The following paragraph is for use by districts that receive more than \$500,000 in Title I, Part A funding. Pursuant to 20 USC 6318, the Governing Board must reserve at least one percent of the district's Title I funding to carry out parent/guardian and family engagement activities, provided that one percent of the allocation received by the district totals more than \$5,000. As amended by P.L. 114-95, 20 USC 6318 requires that at least 90 percent of the reserved funds must be distributed to eligible schools, with priority given to "high-need schools" as defined in 20 USC 6631.

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 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 engagement activities and shall ensure that priority is given to schools in high poverty areas in accordance with law. (20 USC 6318, 6631)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

Note: As amended by P.L. 114-95, 20 USC 6318 identifies allowable uses of the Title I funds reserved for parent/guardian and family engagement, as provided below. These uses are consistent with the activities that must be addressed in the district's parent/guardian and family engagement policy, as described in the accompanying administrative regulation.

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)

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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 engagement policy in accordance with 20 USC 6318.

Non-Title I Schools

<p>Note: The following section is for use by districts that do not receive any Title I funds or that have one or more individual schools that do not receive Title I funds. Education Code 11504 mandates the Board to adopt a policy on parent/guardian involvement, applicable to each school that does not receive Title I funds, that is consistent with the purposes and goals in Education Code 11502. See the accompanying administrative regulation for information about these goals and sample strategies for addressing each goal.</p>
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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: (see next page)

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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 State plan

6312 Local educational agency plan

6314 Schoolwide programs

6318 Parent 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

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Parental Involvement: Title I, Part A, Non-Regulatory Guidance, 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>

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>