

## West Vernon Ave. Elementary School

### Title I School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2024-25

**West Vernon** has developed a written Title I parent and family engagement policy with input from Title I parents and agreed upon by Title I parents. To ensure the school's policy aligns with the needs and expectations of our community, the policy development process actively included parental input. This was achieved through a series of five collaborative steps, which included:

- Parent-Teacher Meetings and Focus Groups
- Review Committees
- Draft Sharing and Approval
- Notification and Distribution
- Language Accessibility

This policy describes the means for carrying out the following Title I parent and family requirements:

#### **Section I: Involvement of Parents in the Title I Program**

To involve parents in the Title I program at **West Vernon**, the following practices have been established:

- The school convenes an annual meeting, at a convenient time, inviting all parents and family members of Title I students, informing them about Title I requirements, the school's involvement in the program, and about the right of parents to be involved in the Title I program.
- The school offers a flexible number of meetings for Title I parents, such as meetings in the morning, afternoon, or evening. Most meetings are offered in a hybrid format, offering parents an option of a virtual or in-person experience.
- The school involves parents of Title I students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I programs, including the planning, review and improvement of the school's Title I parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the School Plan for Student Achievement.
- The school provides parents of Title I students with timely information about Title I programs via Class Dojo, a Monthly Newsletter, Blackboard Connect, The School Marquee, and Website.

- In parent workshops the school provides parents of Title I students with a description and an explanation of the curriculum used at the school, the academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels students are expected to meet with the state standards.
- If requested by parents of Title I students, the school provides opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children, and to respond to any such suggestions as soon as possible.
- If the School Plan for Student Achievement is not satisfactory to Title I parents, parent comments can be submitted on the plan.

### **Section II: Building Capacity for Involvement**

**West Vernon** engages Title I parents and family members in meaningful interactions with the school to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school to improve student achievement. It supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school has established the following practices:

- The school provides Title I parents with assistance in understanding the State's academic content standards, state and local academic assessments, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children. The school regularly holds parent informational sessions that focus on these topics.
- The school provides Title I parents and family members with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement, paying special attention to support for foster parents. This is achieved through regular communication, educational workshops, academic mentorship, and goal setting.
- With the assistance of Title I parents, the school educates teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, assistant principals and other school leaders, and other staff about the value and utility of the contributions of parents and family members, and about how to reach out to, and communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners to build ties between parents and the school.

- The school coordinates and integrates the Title I parent and family engagement program with other programs, and conducts other activities, such as Parent and Family Centers, to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.
- The school distributes information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to Title I parents and family members in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that they understand.
- The school provides support for parent and family involvement activities requested by Title I parents. This is accomplished by Involving parents in decision-making, consulting with parents, and providing opportunities for participation.

### **Section III: Accessibility**

**West Vernon** provides opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of all Title I parents and family members, including parents and family members with limited English proficiency, parents and family members with disabilities, and parents and family members of migratory students. Information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parents understand.

### **Section IV: Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement**

**West Vernon** distributes to parents of Title I students a School-Parent Compact. **It is attached to this policy.** The Compact, which has been jointly developed with parents and approved by them, outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. The Local School Leadership Council (LSLC) and the English Learner Advisory Council (ELAC) made recommendations for this compact. The School Site Council (SSC), reviewed the recommended changes and approved the 2024-25 compact on November 21, 2024.

The Compact describes specific ways the school and families will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve California's high academic

standards. It addresses the following legally required items, as well as other items suggested by parents of Title I students.

- The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables children to meet California's academic standards
- The ways that parents can volunteer in their child's classroom
- The ways that parents can participate in, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and positive use of extracurricular time
- The ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning
- The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum, the following:
  - annual parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools during which the compact shall be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child's achievement.
  - frequent reports to parents on student progress.
  - reasonable access to staff
  - communication regarding opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class and opportunities to observe classroom activities
  - Ensuring regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff, and, to the extent possible, in a language that family members can understand.

This policy and compact was adopted by West Vernon Elementary School on November 21, 2024 and will be in effect for the entire school year. This policy can be amended each year. It was distributed to all parents on November 22, 2024. It has been posted on our website and Class Dojo, and is made available to the local community. This policy is a companion



document to the School Plan for Student Achievement. If there are concerns about the School Plan for Student Achievement, parents can submit their concerns to Dr. Frances Valadez. The school principal will submit the comments with the School Plan to the Federal and State Education Programs Office for submission to the state.

Lastly, there is a LAUSD Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy that is sent to parents each year and applies to all parents at Title I schools. It is amended periodically to meet the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.