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### 3000 AVA MIDDLE

#### 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.

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is reviewed with parents annually. The policy is made available to parents each year through the school webpage, app, and will be sent home with students to be reviewed and agreed to by parents.

- 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.

Parents and family members are able to provide feedback for the building level Title I.A program plan through various surveys that are distributed throughout the year as well as through participation in the annual review.

- 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 and family members are able to provide feedback for the building level parent and family engagement policy through various surveys that are distributed throughout the year as well as through participation in the annual review.

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.

Multiple meetings will be held at the beginning of the year in order to share information about Title I.A programs. In addition to meetings held specifically for Title purposes, information is also made available and distributed in conjunction with activities such as new student orientation and open house. Information about Title I.A programs is also distributed through handbooks, the school website and app, and through paperwork sent home to parents.

- 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.

General descriptions of curriculum are available on the school website, along with the school assessment policy. More detailed course and assessment explanations are provided by classroom teachers through course syllabi. A letter detailing the specifics of MAP achievement levels is sent home each year with individual student score reports.

- 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)*

Make sure their child is in school every day possible; Check that homework is completed; Monitor the amount of screen time; Volunteer in child's classroom/school; Be aware of child's extracurricular time and activities; Stay informed about child's education by reading all communications from the school and responding appropriately; Communicate all concerns directly to the classroom teacher

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

Ava Middle School will: Retain highly qualified principals and teachers; Provide instruction, materials, and high quality professional development which incorporates research based best practices; Maintain a safe and positive school climate

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 middle school is planning to hold a variety of meetings intended to increase parent involvement. An example would be a Middle School Math night where parents have the opportunity to sit through an activity with their child's teacher. The teacher would have the opportunity to share resources and tips that are readily available for parents to utilize. Teachers would have an opportunity to share essential learning targets, and assessment tools utilized

- 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.

We plan to hold meetings for parents in coordination with teachers focused on how parents can help students maximize achievement with regards to Missouri Learning Standards. These meetings will offer an opportunity to share with parents assessments and instructional strategies that are used throughout the school year in order to increase their understanding of goals and direction for their students. Additionally, these will provide the school an opportunity to

- 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.

Portions of building PD and PLC time will be dedicated to showing teachers techniques and strategies for incorporating parents into student learning. Research showing the importance of this is frequently shared through staff newsletters as well.

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.

The middle school plans to seek out opportunities to coordinate programs and activities as often as possible in efforts to maximize parent participation. The school frequently utilizes events such as open house and parent teacher conferences to share resources and gather feedback from as large a group of parents as possible.

- 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)*
- Establishes a districtwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I programs. *Section 1116 (e)(12)*
- May develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities. *Section 1116 (e)(13)*

#### ACCESSIBILITY

In carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements of the Title I program, the school, to the extent practicable,

- Provides opportunities for the informed participation of parents and family members, including:
  - Parent and family members who have limited English proficiency.
  - Parent and family members with disabilities.
  - Parent and family members of migratory children.
- Provides information and school reports in a format and, in a language parents understand. *Section 1116 (f)*



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