



## TULARE JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Tulare Joint Union High School District (TJUHSD) recognizes that schools and parents must collaborate to help the student succeed in school. It is the goal of TJUHSD to forge strong partnerships with the parents and families to foster student achievement and to promote a positive learning environment where all students feel welcomed, valued, safe, and engaged as part of a greater community.

TJUHSD has developed a written Title I parent involvement policy with the input from Title I parents. A district level committee including representatives from each school site will give input, review, and comment on the policy by the schedule established by the Board of Trustees. The policy describes the means for carrying out the following Title I parental involvement requirements [20 USC 6318 Section 1118(a)-(f) inclusive].

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

TJUHSD will:

1. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents/guardians of participating students shall be invited and encouraged to attend to inform parents/guardians of TJUHSD participation in Title I and to explain Title I requirements and the right of parents/guardians to be involved.
  - An annual Title I Parent meeting is held at the beginning of each school year regarding the plan and the opportunity for input. There is also communication to parents through school site newsletters, website and other methods of communication.
2. Offer a flexible number of meetings; such as meetings in the morning or evening, for which related transportation and child care may be provided as such services relate to parent involvement.
  - Parent Club and English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) meetings are normally held in the evenings at 6:30 p.m.
  - School Site Council (SSC) meetings are held in the late afternoons, typically 3:30 p.m.
3. Involve parents/guardians in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including the planning, review, and improvement of the TJUHSD Parent Involvement Policy and, if applicable, the joint development of the plan for Schoolwide programs.
  - SSC and Parent Club meetings provide an opportunity for parents to be involved in the planning and implementation of such policies and programs.
4. Provide the parents/guardians of participating students timely information about Title I programs.
  - Parent Involvement Title I information is distributed in mailed newsletters and notifications, posted on the district and school websites, and discussed at SSC, Parent Club, ELAC and District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) meetings.
5. A description and explanation of TJUHSD curriculum, forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
  - Expectations are discussed at student registration and student orientations.
  - Progress reports and reports are provided throughout the year measuring student's progress and areas of improvement. Student performance can also be discussed at Back-to-School Night.
  - If requested by parents/guardians, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education and as soon as practicably possible, responses to the suggestions of parents/guardians.
  - TJUHSD maintains an open door policy for parents to meet with school site administration or counseling to formulate plans for their student's achievement. You are encouraged to phone, email, or visit the office.
6. If TJUHSD LEA or Schoolwide Plan is not satisfactory to the parents/guardians of participating students, any parent/guardian can submit comments when TJUHSD makes the plan available to the district.
  - Parents may schedule appointments with Administration and attend SSC, ELAC or DELAC meeting to share their concern over the LEA or Schoolwide Plan. In addition to already having the opportunity of collaborating and being a part of the approval of the plan at each month's SSC/ELAC meeting.

## **School-Parent Compact**

TJUHSD distributes to parents of Title I students a school-parent compact. The compact, which was jointly developed with the parents/guardians of participating students, outlines how parents/guardians, the entire school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement. The school-parent compact describes specific ways the school and families will partner to help students achieve the State's high academic standards. It addresses the following legally required items, as well as other items suggested by parents of Title I students:

1. School's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and learning environment that enables participating students to achieve the state's student academic achievement standards.
2. Ways in which parents/guardians will be responsible for Supporting their children's learning, Such as monitoring attendance, homework completion, and television viewing, and participating, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education and the positive use of extracurricular time.
3. The importance of communication between teachers and parents/guardians on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum: (1) Parent-teacher meetings, during which the compact shall be discussed as it relates to the student's achievement. (2) Frequent reports to parents/guardians on their children's progress. (3) Reasonable access to staff.
  - The discussion begins at the Title I parent meeting at the beginning of the school year and continues throughout the school year with SSC, ELAC and DELAC meetings. The collaboration of parents, students, and staff in the discussion of the School-Parent Compact provides the necessary guidance towards the implementation of the School Plan Student Achievement (SPSA)/School Wide Program (SWP).
  - All components share the continuous development toward improving academic achievement.
  - Parents also have an opportunity to talk with the administration at each school site if they are unable to attend or participate in such meetings.

## **Build the Capacity of parents/guardians for strong parent involvement.**

TJUHSD engages Title I parents in meaningful interactions with the school. It supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help these goals, the school has established the following practices:

1. Assist parents in understanding academic content and achievement standards and assessments and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children. (20 U.S.C. S 6318 (e)(1)).
  - Local monitor and review are conducted yearly through SSC, ELAC and DELAC meetings.
  - The monitoring of student achievement is documented in the student's report card and shared with the parents through the Aeries Parent Portal, as well as Back-to-School Night and parent/teacher meetings.
2. Provide materials and training to help parents work with their student to improve their achievement. (20 U.S.C. S 6318 (e)(2)).
  - Meet and Greet and Back to School Night throughout the school year provide an opportunity to build a collaborative relationship between the teacher and the parents.
3. Educate staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value of parent contributions and how to work with parents as equal partners. (20 U.S.C. S 6318 (e)(3)).
  - SSC and ELAC meetings are offered with valuable training in incorporating parents as equal partners.
4. Coordinate and integrate Title I parental involvement programs with other programs and conduct activities that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. (20 U.S.C. S 6318 (e)(4)).
  - Meet and Greet and Back to School Night support parents in participating in the education of their children.
5. Distribute information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to the parents of participating students in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents understand. (20 U.S.C. S 6318 (e)(5)).
  - TJUHSD lists all events on the website and sends out notices to assist the teacher, administration, and parents in partnering with one another in future events.
  - Parent Link (website) provides parents with information about district and site activities.
6. Provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section requested by Title I parents. (20 U.S.C. S 6318 (e)(1)).
  - TJUHSD School's Calendar of Events and the Title I Parent meeting both support parental involvement and encourages the support in and out of the classroom.
  - SSC, ELAC and DELAC meetings are always open for parents to attend.

## **Accessibility**

TJUHSD provides opportunities for the participants of all Title I parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. Information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parents understand.