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DISTRICT-WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

2013-2014

PART I: GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

KIPP Delta Public Schools agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school district will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with Section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- Consistent with Section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of Section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a School-Parent Compact consistent with Section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- The school district will incorporate this district-wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under Section 1112 of the ESEA.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school district and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children and will provide information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A developed under Section 1112 of the ESEA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the state department of education.
- The school district will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1% of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95% of the 1% reserved goes directly to the schools.
- The school district will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

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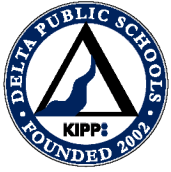
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Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring

- (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child; and
- (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in Section 1118 of the ESEA. [Section 9101(32)ESEA]

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PART II: DESCRIPTION OF HOW DISTRICT WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED DISTRICT-WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. KIPP Delta Public Schools will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district-wide parental involvement plan under Section 1112 of the ESEA:
 - i. Conduct an annual meeting on November 4, 2013 facilitated by the Executive Director to discuss a district-wide parental involvement plan and to update policy for next year's Title I, Part A program. Parents seeking more information may contact the school's central office at (870) 753-9035.*
 - ii. Invite parents to attend and provide necessary feedback to jointly develop the plan.*
 - iii. Establish the building school director as the parental involvement contact person at each of the Title I, Part A schools. Parents needing additional information may contact (870) 753-9035.*
 - iv. The Executive Director or his designee will recruit parents to serve on a district ACSIP Committee to develop the Title I application. Parents interested in volunteering may contact (870) 753-9035.*

2. KIPP Delta Public Schools will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under Section 1116 of the ESEA:
 - i. Conduct an annual meeting on November 4, 2013 facilitated by the Executive Director to review school improvement. Parents seeking more information may contact the school's central office at (870) 753-9035.*
 - ii. Invite parents to attend and evaluate the school's yearly progression*

3. KIPP Delta Public Schools will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:
 - i. Work closely with IT to ensure adequate access to technology*
 - ii. Coordinate with school directors to ensure the procurement of software to support the improvement in student academic achievement and school performance*

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4. KIPP Delta Public Schools will coordinate and integrate parental involvement



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strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other program. Building school directors will be responsible for conducting these strategies. Parents with questions may contact (870) 753-9035.

- i. Family Literacy Night and Family Math Game Night at Delta ELA*
- ii. Tutoring and Benchmark Madness at DCPS*
- iii. Quarterly co-curricular and extra-curricular events at DCH*
- iv. Two nights of help at home workshops for parents at BCPS: one night for mathematics and one night for becoming a better reader*

5. KIPP Delta Public Schools will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents), its parental involvement policies. The superintendent or his designee will be responsible for the actions presented in this paragraph. Parents interested in serving on the parental involvement committee may contact (870) 753-9035.

- i. The data analyst will create a survey for parents to complete that evaluates the district's parental involvement policies and its effectiveness*
- ii. Surveys will be distributed to parents for an end-of-year review*
- iii. The data analyst will aggregate the data into a snapshot of results*
- iv. An annual meeting will be held to discuss the findings of the survey*
- v. Parents will be invited to attend and provide necessary feedback for improvement of parental involvement and the policy itself*
- vi. The superintendent or his designee will develop and disseminate an annual parent activity evaluation report at the end of the 2013-2014 school year to share with parents, staff, and the community.*

6. KIPP Delta Public Schools will build capacity of school staff and parents to create strong parental involvement programs, in order to ensure effective

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involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. The following strategies will be used:

- A. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph:
- the state's academic content standards,
 - the state's student academic achievement standards,
 - the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
 - the requirements of Title I, Part A,
 - how to monitor their child's progress, and
 - how to work with educators.

During registration, parents will be provided with their student's standardized test scores, an assessment of the student's progress based on state and KIPP standards, and goals for the student.

- B. The school district will, with the assistance of its schools, provide materials and training to help parents work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by

Each school will host parent pride nights, which will serve as an informational session for their student's progression and goals and equip parents with the tools necessary to assist with their student's progression towards those goals. The district will monitor those activities to ensure schools are fostering an environment conducive to parental involvement. The dates for these activities will be provided in the schools' parental involvement plans.

- C. The school district will, with the assistance of its schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to

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implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by

The district will incorporate and ensure that each school incorporates parental involvement strategies in its regularly scheduled professional development sessions. The basis for these intersessions will be feedback provided by parents that identifies opportunities for all staff to contribute to their student's academic achievement.

- D. The school district will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Family Literacy Night, Family Math Game Night, DEAR time, Benchmark Madness, and 3 Rs: Reading, Rigor, and Relationships, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their child, by

The district will coordinate with each school and monitor the above mentioned programs to ensure that parental involvement is integrated into each program. The district will also provide necessary feedback to ensure that these programs meet the needs of the parents. Parents in need of additional information may contact (870) 753-9035.

- E. The school district will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parental involvement programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The superintendent or his designee will be responsible for the actions presented in this paragraph. Parents in need of assistance in this area may contact (870) 753-9035.

The district will monitor school activities to ensure that parents are aware of all parental involvement programs at each school, meetings held at each school to address parental concerns, and all other activities associated with parental involvement. The superintendent or his designee will be responsible for these activities and can be reached at (870) 753-9035.

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The district will monitor each Title I, Part A school to ensure that each school develops a parental involvement policy and offers flexible meeting times. The superintendent or his designee will be responsible for these activities and can be reached at (870) 753-9035.

F. The school district will develop a district parental involvement committee to create a parental involvement policy and implement parental involvement activities as well as disseminate information to the community to promote parental involvement in the Title I, Part A schools. Below are the names and titles of members of our parental involvement committee:

- Todd Dixon (Delta Collegiate High School Director)
- John Dalencourt (President)
- Ladora Collins (Vice President)
- Deborah Gentry (Secretary)

G. The school district will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under Section 1118 as parents may request.

The district will be reasonably available to provide additional support as needed to parents and each school with parental involvement activities. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- The district will provide training at least annually for volunteers who assist in an instructional program for parents***
- The district will provide no fewer than 2 hours of professional development opportunities for teachers***
- The district will provide no fewer than 3 hours of professional development opportunities for administrators***

H. The superintendent or his designee will provide information to participating parents in such areas as national, state, and local education goals including parent's rights as defined in Title I, Part A. Parents with questions may contact the KIPP Delta office at (870) 753-9035.

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PART III. ADOPTION

This district-wide parental involvement policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by the preceding policy.

This policy was adopted by the KIPP Delta Public School district on September 25, 2013 and will be in effect for the period of SY 2013-2014. The school district will re-distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children immediately via our website.

[Signature of Authorized Official]

September 25, 2013

[Date]

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