

Dingess Elementary School Parent Involvement Policy

PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Dingess Elementary School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- Consistent with section 1118, the school will ensure that the required school level parental involvement policy meets the requirements of section 1118 of the ESEA, and includes, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- Schools will notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The policy will be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A, parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in language parents understand.
- If the school-wide program plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1114(b) of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the local educational agency (school district).
- The school will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how funds reserved under this part are spent for parent involvement activities. The school will build its own and the parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order 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 will provide parental involvement activities under section 1118 of the ESEA in the areas of improving student achievement, child development, child rearing and additional topics parents may request.
- The school will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

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;
- (D) The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCHOOLS WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. **Dingess Elementary School** shall take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development and review of its school parental involvement policy under section 1118 of the ESEA:
 - **Local School Improvement Council (LSIC)**
 - **Parent Involvement Policy Review completed yearly during parent orientation as well as on school website (Parent Policy Review Meeting/Feedback on Website)**
2. **Dingess Elementary School** shall take the following actions to involve parents in the process of planning, joint development of the program, review and improvement of programs under Title I Part A of the ESEA:
 - **Parental Input in Strategic Plan for Dingess Elementary School through LSIC**
 - **Parental Input in Parent Involvement Policy and School Compact through Parent Policy Meeting**
3. **Dingess Elementary School** shall hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting.
 - **Open House Activities**
 - **Parent Bulletin Boards**
 - **Title I Brochure**
 - **May Celebration Activities**
 - **School Website**
4. **Dingess Elementary School** shall provide parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
 - **STAR 360 Math and Reading**
 - **Accelerated Reader**
 - **QPS**
 - **Words Their Way Spelling Inventory**
 - **PALS**
 - **Report Cards**
 - **Benchmark Tests for Envisions and Journeys**
 - **Journeys and Envisions Benchmark Unit Test**
 - **Parent/Teacher Conferences during and after school**
5. **Dingess Elementary School** shall, at the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings, held at flexible times, for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible by:
 - **Parent /Teacher Conferences (Teacher Planning Periods and After School)**
 - **Open House (After School)**
 - **May Celebration (End of Year Closeout)**

6. **Dingess Elementary School** shall provide each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, reading and writing by:
 - **Sharing West Virginia General Summative Assessment Results with students and parents as soon as results are available**
 - **Scheduling Test Talks with students one to one and as requested by parents as soon as results of the assessment are released to school**
7. **Dingess Elementary School** shall take the following actions to provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002):
 - **Notice sent from Mingo Board of Education in regards to Teacher qualifications and highly qualified status**
8. **Dingess Elementary School** shall provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics by undertaking the actions described below --
 - 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

Parent trainings on the above topics, Annual Data and Dance held in evening/on weekend to reach more parents, Open House Activities, Title I in class and pull out support for students, Interim practice and support through data analysis, WV Department of Education site Practice Tests, Communities in Schools Coach

10. **Dingess Elementary School** shall, with the assistance of its 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 implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:
Staff Development and Training throughout the year on effective parent/teacher communications as well parent training on how to communicate with your child's teacher
11. **Dingess Elementary School** shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, and Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, public preschool, and other programs. The school will also conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:
 - **Head Start Transition**
 - **Kindergarten Registration and Transition (Fall and Spring)**
 - **Pre-K Transition**
 - **5th Grade Student Transition to Middle School**
 - **PERC**

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- ***Data and Dance (Held outside school hours attached to school function)***
- ***Parent Education and Training (Held at various times to accommodate all schedules)***
- ***Read Aloud***
- ***Parent Resource Library and access to computer lab***

12. **Dingess Elementary School** shall take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent-programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to 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:
- **School Website**
 - **Newsletters**
 - **Mark Your Calendar/Just a Reminder Parent Notices**
 - **Parent Letters**
 - **Bulletin Boards**

PART III. DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

NOTE: The School Parental Involvement Policy **may** include additional information and describe other discretionary activities that the school, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under section 1118(e) of the ESEA:

- involving parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training; **Joint Teacher/Parent Trainings**
- Providing necessary childcare and transportation to meeting.
- Arranging school meetings at a variety of times, arrange phone conferences with parents who are unable to get to school in order to maximize parent involvement.
- establishing a school parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs;
- Developing appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities.

PART IV. ADOPTION

This School 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 **Lisa A. Vance**.

This policy was adopted by **Dingess Elementary School** on **Monday October 12, 2020** and will be in effect for the period of **one year**. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before **October 31, 2020**

Lisa A. Vance

(Signature of Authorized Official)

October 12, 2020

(Date)