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Section 6 - INSTRUCTION

6:170 Title I Programs

The Superintendent or designee shall pursue funding under Title I, Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, to supplement instructional services and activities in order to improve the educational opportunities of educationally disadvantaged or deprived children.

All District schools, regardless of whether they receive Title I funds, shall provide services that, taken as a whole, are substantially comparable. Teachers, administrators, and other staff shall be assigned to schools in a manner that ensures equivalency among the District's schools. Curriculum materials and instructional supplies shall be provided in a manner that ensures equivalency among the District's schools.

Title I Parent and Family Engagement

The District maintains programs, activities, and procedures for the engagement of parents/guardians and families of students receiving services, or enrolled in programs, under Title I. These programs, activities, and procedures are described in District-level and School-level [compacts plans](#). [PRESSPlus1](#)

District-Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan Compact

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a District-Level Parent and Family Engagement [Plan Compact \(District Plan\)](#) according to Title I requirements. This District [Plan-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact](#) shall contain: (1) the District's expectations for parent and family engagement, (2) specific strategies for effective parent and family engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, and (3) other provisions as required by federal law. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the [District Plan Compact](#) is distributed to parents/guardians of students receiving services, or enrolled in programs, under Title I.

School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan Compact

Each Building Principal or designee shall develop a School-Level Parent and Family Engagement [Plan Compact \(School Plan\)](#) according to Title I requirements.

This School Plan-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact shall contain: (1) a process for continually involving parents/guardians in its development and implementation, (2) how parents/guardians, the entire school staff, and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement, (3) the means by which the school and parents/guardians build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards, and (4) other provisions as required by federal law. Each Building Principal or designee shall ensure that the School Plan Compact is distributed to parents/guardians of students receiving services, or enrolled in programs, under Title I.

Incorporated

by Reference: 6:170-AP1, E1 (District-Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan Compact) and 6:170-AP1, E2 (School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan Compact)

LEGAL REF.:

Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§6301-6514, Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 4:110 (Transportation), 5:190 (Certification), 5:280 (Duties and Qualifications), 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:145 (Migrant Students), 6:160 (English Learners), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:30 (Student Assignment), 7:60 (Residence), 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students), 8:95 (Parental Involvement)

PRESSPlus Comments

[PRESSPlus 1](#). To comply with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), a board must incorporate by reference the district's exhibits 6:170-AP1, E1, *District-Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan*, and 6:170-AP1, E2, *School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan*. These exhibits, which have both been renamed to more closely align with federal statutes and guidance and terminology used by ISBE, contain all legally required components and are compatible with sample templates contained in the U.S. Dept. of Education's non-regulatory guidance titled Parent and Family Engagement (2025), at: www.ed.gov/media/document/parent-and-family-engagement-guidance-2025-109202.pdf.

Districts receiving a Title I, Part A allocation that are required to submit proof of parent and family engagement (PFE) compliance to the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) as part of their FY 2027 Consolidated District Plan (CDP) will need to submit this adopted policy and both exhibits 6:170-AP1, E1 and 6:170-AP1, E2. **Please note that the plans must be customized to reflect the district's actual Title I parent and family**

engagement activities. At the end of March, ISBE will offer a recorded webinar on CDPs that will include additional information on Title I requirements. **Issue 121, March 2026**