



2023-2024 Desert Hills Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Every Student Succeeds Act Section 1116

Mission Statement

The mission of the Clint Independent School District is to prepare all students to be successful citizens. The District will work in partnership with the community and the family to create opportunities for the student to maximize their personal potential.

Annual Goals

1. The District will be a model of high standards for student academic excellence.
2. The District will ensure a safe well-disciplined positive learning environment for all students.
3. The District will operate efficiently being fiscally responsible.
4. The District will become the employer of choice in order to seek and retain effective personnel.
5. The District will include parents, community, and business members in the education of all students.

Clint Independent School District will be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement:

Parent and family engagement are defined as the participation of parents and family members in a regular, two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parent are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- 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.

In support to improve student academic excellence, Clint ISD has developed this parent and family engagement policy that establishes the district's expectations for parental involvement and guides the strategies and resources that will strengthen school and parent partnerships. This policy will describe Clint ISD commitment to engage families in the education of their children and to build the capacity of its schools to implement family engagement strategies and activities outlined in the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) and in the District Improvement Plan (DIP) to help achieve student academic excellence.

1. Desert Hills Elementary shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of ESSA Section 1116 subsections (c) through (f). Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. Section 1116 (b)(1) & (e)(5)
 - Our schools PFE was reviewed and revised by students, parents, and teachers. This occurred during a parent meeting on August 31, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. The PFE was posted on our school website, through Class Dojo, and paper copies are available in the front office. Any and all documents are provided to parents in English and Spanish.

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2. Desert Hills Elementary shall convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved; Section 1116 (c)(1)
 - The first annual meeting for the 2023-2024 school year will take place on October 19, 2023 and the second meeting will take place on February 15, 2024, the information will be presented in English and Spanish by a school administrator. Teachers will make this information available to parents.
3. Desert Hills Elementary shall offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, childcare, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement (in order to provide these activities, they must be addressed in the Campus Needs Assessment and the Campus Improvement Plan); Section 1116 (c)(2)
 - Flexible meetings are being held both in person and virtually on different days and times. Meetings are recorded so parents may view at their convenience. Childcare will be provided upon request.
4. Desert Hills Elementary shall involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under section 1114(b) (Campus Improvement Plan), except that if a school has in place a process for involving parents in the joint planning and design of the school's programs, the school may use that process, if such process includes an adequate representation of parents of participating children this could include the site base committee; Section 1116 (c)(3)
 - Parents participated in the PFE Evaluation meeting on August 31, 2023. They had opportunities for input and decision making. There were no disagreements stated. Parents will again have the opportunity to review the policy and provide feedback during Open House on October 19, 2023.
5. Desert Hills Elementary shall provide parents of participating children—
 - (A) send information about programs or activities under this part with enough time this way parents and family can plan to assist;
 - (B) a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and
 - (C) if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible;Section 1116 (c)(4)
 - Parents are informed of the meetings through Class Dojo, Monthly newsletter, the school webpage, the school marquee, blackboard messaging, and direct teacher notification. Parents will be notified of academic assessments by teachers, in progress reports and in report cards.

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Additionally, all information is accessible in the parent portal through Skyward.

6. If the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) under section 1114(b) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the district staff responsible for the CIP. Section 1116 (c)(5)
 - Parents participated in the CIP meeting on May 10, 2023. There were no disagreements stated. If you have any questions or concerns, please let the principal know.
7. To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, shall: Section 1116 (e)
 - (i) provide information to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children; Section 1116 (e)(1)
 - Meet the Teacher Night, Dual Language Night, Literature Night, Open House, STEM evening, Additional parental and community involvement activities.
 - (ii) provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement; Section 1116 (e)(2)
 - Meet the Teacher Night, Dual Language Night, Literature Night, Math Camps, Open House, STEM evening, Additional parental, and community involvement activities.
 - (iii) educate 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)
 - Parent and Family Engagement training for teachers is conducted annually.
 - (iv) to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct 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)
 - Desert Hills Elementary will host the following activities to integrate parent involvement programs and activities: Parent workshops, Coffee with the Principal, Family Picnics, Military Nights, Math Camp, Literacy Nights, Freedom Week, Mother/Daughter Father/Son Program, Fall and Spring Festival, and Veteran's Day Breakfast.

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(v) provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. Section 1116 (e)(14)

- School helps fill out paperwork, documentation, parenting classes provided in English and Spanish. Our CIS has a resume building class for parents and helps parents apply for jobs.

The Desert Hills Elementary parent and family engagement policy has been developed/revised jointly with, and agreed upon with parents of participating children and school staff on August 31, 2023 as evidenced by meeting minutes, and will be in effect for the period of the 2023-2024 school year. The school policy and school-parent-student compact will be distributed to all parents of participating children during both Open House (Fall & Spring). Desert Hills Elementary will use various means of communication (district/school websites, correspondence, Open House, newsletters, parent meetings, Facebook, Twitter, Class Dojo app, Remind app, and other forms of communication) to distribute the policy to parents, family members, and the community.

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October 19, 2023

Signed by the Authorized Administrator

Date

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