

## 2020-2021 Clint Independent School District 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** is 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. Clint ISD will reach out to all parents and family members and implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents and family members in programs consistent with the requirements of ESSA Section 1116. Such programs, activities, and procedures shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.

#### Section 1116 (a)(1)

The district convenes an annual Parent & Family Engagement program evaluation meeting in which parents have the opportunity to provide feedback. The district also provides a parent survey and data is utilize to create programs and activities based on the feedback gathered from the survey and the evaluation meeting.

2. Clint ISD receives Title I, Part A funds. Our goal is to plan and implement effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance. Therefore, will

develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy. Section 1116 (a)(2)

- The policy shall be incorporated into the local educational agency's plan developed under section 1112 (District Improvement Plan, DIP),
- The policy will establish the LEA's expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family involvement.

The district convenes an annual Parent & Family Engagement program evaluation meeting in which parents have the opportunity to provide feedback. It will be reviewed in August/September. The policy is made available in the district website. The policy is also added as an addendum under the District Improvement Plan. The Policy BQ (LEGAL) Planning and Decision-Making Process addresses the processes in place. Goal #5 states "The district will include parents, community, and business members in the education of all students."

The district core values states that we are:

- Committed to student success as a shared responsibility among students, parents, educators, the School Board and the community.
- Transparent through open communication, leadership, accountability and integrity.

Parents are welcome to provide suggestions to the district Parental Involvement Specialist as it pertains to the district parent & family policy and its requirements. Parents and family members of students enrolled in Clint ISD may contact Angelica Venzor at (915)926-3255 or by email: [Angelica.venzor@clint.net](mailto:Angelica.venzor@clint.net)

3. Clint ISD will: involve parents and family members in jointly developing the local educational agency plan (DIP) under section 1112, and the development of support and improvement plans under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1111(d).

Section 1116 (a)(2)(A)

- Policy BQ (Legal) states a board must adopt a policy to establish a district and school level planning and decision-making process that will involve the professional staff, parents of students, business representatives, and community members in establishing and reviewing the district's and its schools' educational plans, goals, performance objectives, and major classroom instructional programs. Education Code 11.251(b)
- At least every two years, the district must evaluate the effectiveness of the district's decision-making and planning policies, procedures, and staff development activities related to the district and its schools level decision making and planning to ensure that they are effectively structured to positively impact student performance. Education Code 11.252(d)

4. Clint ISD will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools within the local educational agency, in planning and implementing effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, which may include meaningful consultation with employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations, or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents and family members in education. Section 1116 (a)(2)(B)

The district provides opportunities for district staff to attend staff development sessions to include trainings offered through Region 19 and Region 16 that focuses on Parent & Family Engagement. The district's

schools receive federal funding to be able to incorporate and implement effective parent trainings in the subject areas that need improvement and that the school has addressed as an academic need to support parents and students to achieve academic success. The Parental Involvement Specialist provides a recorded training on Parent & Family Engagement to its schools in which all staff will participate during a school staff meeting and/or during staff development week. Each campus designates an administrator to oversee the Parent & Family Engagement program for their campus. The parental involvement specialist provides a training on the requirements of Parent & Family Engagement (PFE) to the campus PFE representatives and a PFE manual. The Federal Programs Director oversees the purchase requisition(s) and ensures activities meet the PFE requirements to build the capacity of parents and staff component.

5. Clint ISD will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies under Title I, Part A, to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and 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 (a)(2)(C) and Section 1116 (e)(4)

The district's "College for All" initiative provides K-12 students in Clint ISD opportunities to explore and prepare for post-secondary education and career preparation. The district, with the assistance of its school, provides parent sessions in which parents receive information, materials and resources to assist parents in the academic success of their child. The district departments collaborate with schools to facilitate parent meetings, as deemed necessary. Parent meetings will be facilitated virtually or in-person. Parents have the option of requesting information to be mailed to their home or emailed for their convenience.

5. Clint ISD will conduct, with the meaningful involvement of parents and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of all schools served under this part, including identifying— Section 1116 (a)(2)(D)
- barriers to greater participation by parents in activities authorized by this section (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 needs of parents and family members to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers; and
  - strategies to support successful school and family interactions;

The district conducts an annual evaluation meeting to evaluate the effectiveness of the Parent & Family Engagement program. The meeting takes place in August/September in which district staff, parents and community members are invited to participate.

6. Clint ISD will use the findings of such evaluation to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary, the parent and family engagement policies; and Section 1116 (a)(2)(E)

The findings of the evaluation meeting are utilized to improve and implement any parent trainings that will enhance the education of their child. The parents have the opportunity to complete a parent survey in which they have the opportunity to provide feedback. The feedback is reviewed during the evaluation meeting.

Parent meetings/trainings will be facilitated virtually or in-person. Parents have the option of requesting information to be mailed to their home. The schools receive federal funding to provide parents with materials and/or resources and will be issued as they feel is a safe manner and following district's safety guidelines and in conjunction following the Health Department guidance.

Parents and family members of students enrolled in Clint ISD are welcome to provide suggestions and/or recommendation as it pertains to Title I, Part A Parent & Family Engagement and its requirements to Angelica Venzor at (915)926-3255 or by email: [Angelica.venzor@clint.net](mailto:Angelica.venzor@clint.net).

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)
  - a) providing assistance to parents of children served by the local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of the parent and family engagement program, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children; Section 1116 (e)(1)

The district, with the assistance of its schools, will provide information to parents and family members during their open house/parent teacher conference and/or in the Title I, Part A Annual Meeting to Parents on State standards, assessments, description and explanation of curriculum in use at the school. Parents are welcome to contact the school and schedule a parent-teacher conference at any point during the school year. The PFE representatives need to ensure the above is provided at the school level.

- b) providing 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)

The district, with the assistance of its schools, will provide Student Academic Success Parent Sessions in which they will address academic support in the areas of reading, math or other types of academic enrichment, per campus needs. The schools have received federal funding that they use to help support this area.

- c) educating 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)

The district parental involvement specialist provides an annual training to school staff to support this area. The training focuses on the importance of sharing the responsibility and contribution with parents and family members of Clint ISD students. School administrators are encouraged to participate in trainings that focuses on parent and family engagement. Federal funds may be used to support this area.

- d) ensuring that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand; Section 1116 (e)(5)

## **Translating Essential Information for Parents & Family Members**

The district has an obligation to ensure meaningful communication with parents and/or family members in a language they can understand and to adequately notify parents and/or family members of information about any programs, services, or functions/activities within the district and its schools. Schools will communicate with parents and family members in a language and format a parent and family member can understand. This often will include translated documents and a language interpreter (if needed and upon request) for meetings and/or conversations. During COVID 19 the district will offer meetings in English and Spanish (separately).

The district parent and family engagement policy has been developed/revised jointly with, and agreed upon with parents of participating children and district staff on September 22, 2020, as evidenced by meeting minutes, and will be in effect for the period of the 2020-2021 school year. The policy will be posted and available to all parents of participating children on October 22, 2020. The district and its schools will use various means of communication (district/school websites, correspondence, Open House, and parent meetings) to distribute the policy to parents, family members, and the community.