LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

WASHINGTON PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

Washington Parish School System PAFE Policy (WPSB Policy 800.00)

Statute: Section 1116(a)(2)ESEA states that each LEA must establish the LEA's expectations for parent and family engagement.

The **Washington Parish School Board** Parent and Family Engagement Policy outlines how the school district will involve families in a child's education through regular, meaningful communication and active partnership in decision-making and learning, ensuring all students benefit from a home-school connection and that family needs are met. The policy includes our commitments to inform families of their child's progress, provide opportunities for family involvement, and offer resources to support learning at home.

The Washington Parish School Board agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

_✔_We will involve parents and family members in jointly developing the LEA's plan under ESEA section 1112, and support and improvement plans under ESEA section 1111(d)(1)-(2),

_✔_We will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build capacity of all Title I, Part A schools 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;

_✔_We will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies under Title I, Part A, with parent and family engagement strategies under other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs, to the extent feasible and appropriate;

_✔_We 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 the schools served with Title I, Part A funds, including identifying—Barriers to greater participation by parents in activities under ESEA section 1116, 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;

_✔_We will use the findings of the evaluation to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parent and family engagement, and to revise, if necessary, the parent and family engagement policies under ESEA section 1116; and

✔ We will involve parents in the activities of Title I, Part A schools, which may include establishing a parent advisory board comprised of a sufficient number and representative group of parents or family members served by the LEA to adequately represent the needs of the population served
by the LEA for the purposes of developing, revising, and reviewing the parent and family engagement policy.

Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator

Federal Program Director

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Pursuant to federal and state law and rule, board members and district employees shall work to engage parents and families in the education of their students by building capacity for and knowledge of the methods, opportunities, and responsibilities for such engagement.

The district shall schedule at least three orientation meetings (between March and September) designed to inform parents of board policies relative to student behavior, dress code, attendance requirements, discipline, promotion, standardized testing, school calendars, available curriculum, applicable grading scales, extracurricular activities, and opportunities to volunteer and participate in the schools.

The meetings shall be held at various times during the day in order to facilitate the attendance of parents. Notice of the meetings shall be posted on the homepage of the applicable schools, on the school's billboards, in the newsletters/calendars of the district and applicable schools,

During the first week of school, parents of all enrolled students shall be:

- provided a copy of the parent's bill of rights and information on their rights to access the instructional materials used by their children;
- sent a statement of compliance [provide link in this policy] regarding the share committement for education and requested to sign and return the form; and,
- a copy of the student handbook which shall outline the school rules, provide methods to contact teachers and school administrators, and include the school calendar with dates for parent-teacher conferences, progress reports, and report cards.

There shall also be a link for such information provided on the website of the district and each school within the district. The link shall be posted prominently on the main page of each website and shall include an easily understandable summary, full text, and citation of the law.

The superintendent shall ensure:

- regular communication from schools and teachers to parents;
- such communication with parents is provided in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents understand;
- methods for parents to provide input on the district's activities and to participate in their child's education; and,
- teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders are educated in the value and utility of the contributions of parents, how to communicate with and involve parents as equal partners, how to implement and coordinate parent programs, and how to build ties between parents and the school.

State Law	Description
LA R.S. 17: 10. 1	School and district accountability
LA R.S. 17: 235.2	Statements of compliance; students and parents; required
LA R.S. 17: 406, et seq	Family-School Partnerships
LA R.S. 17: 406.9	Parents' Bill of Rights for Public Schools
LA R.S. 17: 416.18	Teacher bill of rights
LA R.S. 17:2925	Individual graduation plans
LA R.S. 17:2926	Student counseling; training and professional development

State Law	Description
LA R.S. 17:3001, et seq	School counselors and directors

Federal Law	Description
20 USC Chpt 70	STRENGTHENING AND IMPROVEMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Louisiana Administrative Code	Description
Title 28, Bulletin 741	Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators