



## **School Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

***New Hope High School***

***School Year 2022-2023***

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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, **New Hope High School** receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

**New Hope High School** agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, 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) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children. (due to COVID-19, the plan will be posted online), and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, 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 ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

- If the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA 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 local educational agency.
- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:
- Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:
  - (A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning
  - (B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school
  - (C) 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) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA

**DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS**

**JOINTLY DEVELOPED**

**New Hope High School** will take the following actions to involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by parents, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

*Parents who signed up for grade-level Remind messages from the parent coordinator will receive messages about upcoming meetings and events. Parents will also be informed of meetings through Schoology messages, Parent Connect messages, and All Call messages.*

*All Parents will be invited to attend planned Title I meetings hosted by the school’s parent coordinator and the Lowndes County School District to offer their input. This meeting will be held in person.*

**ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING**

**New Hope High School** will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school’s Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents’ requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact.

- *New Hope High School will hold their Annual Title I meeting to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the parents' rights to be involved. The Annual Title I meeting for New Hope High School will be held Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 9:00A.M. and 3:00P.M.*

## COMMUNICATIONS

**New Hope High School** will take the following actions to provide parents of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title I programs
- Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening. relate to parent and family engagement.
- Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the 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:

*A link to New Hope High School's Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be posted on the school's website and a link to the policy will be posted Schoology. Paper copies of the policy will be available in the school's office.*

*Parents will be informed of parent and family engagement opportunities in a variety of ways, including Remind messages, Schoology notifications, school-wide phone calls, Parent Connect messages, and flyers that will be sent home.*

## SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

**New Hope High School** will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

*During the spring planning meeting, parents are given an opportunity to suggest changes to the district-wide parent compact. In the 2022-2023 school year, the parent compact will reflect changes that were suggested by the stakeholders at the meeting.*

## RESERVATION OF FUNDS

If applicable, **New Hope High School** will take the following actions to involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent and family engagement is spent by:

*The 1 percent of funds at New Hope High School will be spent on family engagement activities at New Hope High School. Parent Coordinator will also receive a stipend and supplies for parent events.*

## **COORDINATION OF SERVICES**

**New Hope High School** will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement 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.

## **BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS**

**New Hope High School** will build the parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Providing parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and
- Materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement
- Providing assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
  - The challenging State's academic standards
  - The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
  - The requirements of Title I, Part A
  - How to monitor their child's progress
  - How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their child

*New Hope High School will host the following events during the 2020-2021 school year to encourage parent and family engagement:*

- *Freshmen Orientation*
- *Annual Title I Meeting*
- *Spring Planning Meeting*
- *ACT night*
- *Dual Credit/ EMCC Meeting*
- *Other events will tentatively be held in the Spring.*

## **BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF**

**New Hope High School** will provide training to 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.

*New Hope High School will provide trainings by having a parent coordinator who attends quarterly training/planning sessions with the Lowndes County District's Title 1 Supervisor and by having the Lowndes County District's Title 1 Supervisor come and present to all staff members at New Hope High School focus faculty meeting.*

**New Hope High School** will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as parents may request.

### **DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

#### **POLICY COMPONENTS**

- Involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training.
- Provide necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds if the school has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training.
- Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parent and family engagement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- Train parents to enhance the engagement of other parents.
- To maximize parent and family engagement and participation in their child's education, arrange school meetings at a variety of times.
- Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent and family engagement
- Establish a districtwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parent and family engagement in Title I, Part A programs.
- Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parent and family engagement activities.

*New Hope High School will offer different time options for family engagement activities to ensure that all parents have the opportunity to participate.*