

# Clarksdale Municipal School District

## Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan

### 2018-2019

#### **PART I: General Expectations**

The **Clarksdale Municipal School District** agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The **Clarksdale Municipal School District** will have operation programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs consistent with section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Those programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- Consistent with section 1116, the **Clarksdale Municipal School District** will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1116 of the ESSA, and each will include a school-parent compact consistent with section 1116 of the ESSA.
- The **Clarksdale Municipal School District** will incorporate a district wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESSA. The Clarksdale Municipal School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district-wide parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESSA:
  - In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, the **Clarksdale Municipal School District** and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children. This will include providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESSA in an understandable format, alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in language that parents understand.
- If the **Clarksdale Municipal School District** Parental Involvement Policy for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESSA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the **Clarksdale Municipal School District** will submit any parent comments with the plan when the **Clarksdale Municipal School Districts** submits the plan to the Mississippi Department of Education.
- The **Clarksdale Municipal School District** will involve the parents of participating children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the one percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is utilized,

and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.

- The **Clarksdale Municipal School District** will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

*Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring-*

*(A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*

*(B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*

*(C) that 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) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1116 of the ESSA.*

**Part II: DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE CLARKSDALE MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED DISTRICT-WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS**

1. **Clarksdale Municipal School District** will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district-wide parental involvement plan under section 1116 of the ESSA:

- Annual Parent Title Meetings to inform parents of their participation in the Title I involvement requirements and their rights to be involved
- Need for School-Parent Compact
- Provide all parents with copy of school district/LEA parent involvement policy each year
- Include survey with policy to obtain feedback from parents
- Meeting with School Advisory Team (SAT) to discuss survey results
- Holding parent meetings to discuss and implement any policy changes
- Providing information to participating parents in such areas as understanding the state and local content standards, state and local academic assessments, monitoring individual student achievement, the requirements of Title I, and working with school staff to

- improve the achievement of students.
- Providing requested training such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement.
- Providing resource materials and activities such as school wide parent nights, maintain a school website, and newsletters in order to provide information on a wide variety of topics including child development and reinforcing academic skills at home.
- Coordinating and integrating parental involvement strategies and activities with other district programs and grants such as Head Start, Migrant Program, and Drug Free.
- Assisting schools in identifying barriers to greater parental participation in order to maximize the opportunities for parents to participate in school related activities.

2. The **Clarksdale Municipal School District** will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of development of the Schoolwide Program Plan under Section 1116.

- Hold meeting with School Parent Advisory Team to review draft of Schoolwide Program Plan
- Implement recommendations by Parent Committee
- Share Plan with District Parents
- Complete review process annually with Parent Committee

3. The **Clarksdale Municipal School District** will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

- Working with existing Clarksdale Municipal School District Parental Involvement Advisory Team to ensure district is providing necessary learning tools and educational programs in accordance with guidelines of Title I Part A and ESSA.
- Meetings between School Advisory Team, Invited Parents, Administration and Staff for professional development needs and training to provide most effective teaching tools and resources to increase student achievement. Discussion to include MAAP EOC/3-8 and local assessment data and results.
- Convene Parent meetings and parent conferences at a convenient time to parents during the day and offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. Invite to this meeting all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, and encourage them to attend.

4. The **Clarksdale Municipal School District** to the extent feasible will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs: Head Start, Reading First,

Early Reading First, Even Start, Parents As Teachers, Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters, and State-operated preschool and Day Care Center programs by:

- Inviting program members to participate in parent night meetings held during the school year.
- Inviting program members to participate in professional development activities.
- Organizing and participating in joint transition-related training of school staff, Head Start staff and other early childhood development programs including the District's Pre-Kindergarten staff.
- Conduct meetings involving parents and programs participants to discuss development and assessments needs of individual children.

5. The **Clarksdale Municipal School District** will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (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 Clarksdale Municipal School District will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents), its parental involvement policies.

- Working with existing Clarksdale Municipal School District Parent Advisory Team to ensure that the district is providing necessary learning tools and educational programs in accordance with guidelines of Title I Part A and ESSA.
- The Instructional Team will facilitate the alignment of current curriculum with developed Title I Programs. The catalyst for integration will be innovative technology to assist the needs of all children.
- The program/policy will be evaluated initially by the Clarksdale Municipal School District Parent Advisory Team on meeting the needs of all students with concentrations in the areas of reading, writing, speaking, listening and mathematics.
- Program/policy evaluation findings will be shared with parents via meetings, surveys and other means of communication to work collectively to update and improve policies as needed.
- Policy(s) will be reviewed at a minimum annually by the Clarksdale Municipal School District Parent Advisory Team.

6. The **Clarksdale Municipal School District** will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

A. The Clarksdale Municipal School District will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph –

- Provide assistance to Title I parents as appropriate in understanding standards, state and local assessments, the requirements of Part A, monitoring a child’s educational programs and working with educators by conducting workshops at local schools and Parent Center.
- Provide parents with access to Clarksdale Municipal School District website and Department of Education Websites specific to academic standards, assessments, ESSA, and Title I Part A.
- Hold Parent Meetings to discuss academic standards, types of assessments, ESSA, Title I, after school and extended school year tutoring programs.
- Parent Meetings and conferences will be held at different times during the day.

B. The Clarksdale Municipal School District will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children’s academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement.

- To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Home Instruction Programs, Adult Literacy Training, and training on software applications for remediation and assessment to support needs of children.
- Provide after school tutoring and extended school year (summer) for children failing and not reaching proficiency levels.

C. The Clarksdale Municipal School District will, with the assistance of its schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

- Annual Parent Title Meetings to inform parents of their participation in Title I, the Title I involvement requirements and their rights to be involved.
- Additional meetings that are devoted specifically to addressing an understanding of academic standards, assessment, enrichment and remediation for parents to support their children.
- Communicate to parents updates and changes to Federal and State policies, assessments and mandates of ESSA.

- Jointly with parents, review school-parent compact outlining how parents, the entire school staff and students share in the responsibility for improved student achievement.

D. The school district will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Day Care Centers, public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents to more fully participate in the education of their children, by:

- Inviting program members to participate in parent night meetings held during the school year.
- Inviting program members to participate in professional development activities.
- Organizing and participating in joint transition-related training of school staff, Head Start staff and other early childhood development programs.
- Conducting meetings involving parents and programs participants to discuss development and assessment needs of individual children.

E. The Clarksdale Municipal School District will take the following actions to ensure that 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:

- Mailings
- Random Phone Call Reminders
- Emails
- Postings on District Website
- Newsletters

The Clarksdale Municipal School District will establish a district wide Parent Advisory Council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs.

### **Summary Statement**

The Clarksdale Municipal School District believes that successful schooling is a shared responsibility requiring commitment and collaboration among parents, faculty and staff. Positive parent involvement, convenient opportunities for staff/parent interaction, parent education, constructive home/school relationships and the earliest possible intervention and involvement of the family in supporting student learning are characteristics of effective programs. Each participating school will include a Parent Involvement goal in its School Improvement Plan.

LEGAL REF.: **1111-1116- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**

CROSS REF.: Policies LA- Parental Involvement

LAA-R – Title I Parent Involvement Regulations