

DEEP SPRINGS ELEMENTARY

TITLE I PARENT and FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

This policy has been developed by the Site Based Decision Making Council, which serves as the Title 1 Advisory Council. The SBDM Council includes staff members and parents. Information received from the Title 1 evaluation/survey filled out by parents was used to update the policy.

The staff at Deep Springs believes parent involvement and meeting the individual needs of students are very important in helping students succeed. In order to promote parent involvement, the staff at Deep Springs will assist in the following ways:

Communicating Information

- The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be distributed in English or Spanish to each school family through the Deep Springs webpage, through the PTA, and during Parent Nights.
- Information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities will be communicated to parents through monthly school calendars and invitations sent home with students.
- Parents will be provided with timely information about the Title 1 program through parent meetings, the school website, and newsletters throughout the school year.
- Information about the school curriculum, forms of assessment used to measure progress and the proficiency level students are expected to meet will be distributed by the school staff through informational fliers, meetings and/or parent-teacher conferences.
- Achievement test information will be shared by the BAC and by the classroom teachers through informational meetings, printed information sent home, and individual parent conferences.
- Information regarding the State's academic content standards, local academic assessments and how to monitor a child's progress and work with teachers to improve achievement will be shared through conferences, informational meetings and/or parent training sessions.
- The School-Parent Learning Compact, which was jointly developed with parents, outlines how parents, the school staff and students will share in the responsibility for improved student achievement. This will be communicated to each school family at a parent-teacher conference.

Parent Participation

- Parents will be encouraged to be involved in their child's education in many ways including volunteering, attending parent conferences, providing an environment that supports academic achievement both at home and school, and being a part of the Deep Springs' community.
- Parents will receive materials and have opportunities to participate in literacy, technology and other training sessions to help improve their child's achievement.
- Parents will have opportunities to participate in school decision-making regarding the education of their children through PTA, the School-Based Decision-Making Council and committees and parent-teacher conferences.
- Parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title 1 program and Parent Involvement Policy through the annual evaluation of the Title 1 program, SBDM council meetings and in the development of the school's Improvement Plan.
- Barriers to parental participation, e.g., transportation, childcare, etc., will be addressed based on individual needs and may be funded by Title 1 or the Family Resource Center.
- The school will provide opportunities for parent/teacher conferences to better facilitate communication between home and school and to enable parents' opportunities to formulate suggestions and make decisions regarding the education of their children. Parents may request conferences with their child's teacher.

Meetings

- Parents will be informed at the annual Open House meeting of the school's participation in the Title 1 program, the requirements of the program and their right to be involved.
- Parent meetings and conferences will be held at various times and locations to meet the needs of families.