

Oakridge Public Schools

Bylaws & Policies

2261 - TITLE I SERVICES

The Board of Education elects to augment the educational program of educationally disadvantaged students by the use of Federal funds and in accordance with Title I of the Amendments to the Elementary and Secondary School Improvement of 1965.

The Superintendent shall prepare and present to the State Department of Education a plan for the delivery of services which meets the requirements of the law, including those described below. The plan shall be developed by appropriate staff members and parents of students who will be served by the plan.

A. Assessment

The District shall annually assess the educational needs of eligible children, as determined by Federal and State criteria. Such assessment shall include performance measures mandated by the Department of Education as well as those determined by the District's professional staff, that will assist in the diagnosis, teaching, and learning of the participating students.

B. Scope

Each school shall determine whether the funds will be used to upgrade the educational program of an entire school and/or to establish or improve programs that provide services only for eligible students in greatest need of assistance. The program, for an entire school and/or a Targeted Assistance School, shall include the components required by law as well as those agreed upon by participating staff and parents.

C. Participation

The Title I program shall be developed and evaluated in consultation with parents and professional staff members involved in its implementation. Appropriate training will be provided to staff members who provide Title I services. Parent participation shall be in accord with Board Policy 2261.01 and shall meet the requirements of Section 1118 of the Act.

D. Comparability of Services

Title I funds will be used only to augment, not to replace, State and local funds. The Superintendent shall use State and local funds to provide educational services in schools receiving Title I assistance that, taken as a whole, are at least comparable to services being provided in schools that are not receiving Title I assistance. The determination of the comparability of services may exclude, in accordance with Federal regulations, State and local funds spent on compensatory education programs, bilingual education programs, and programs for educationally-disabled students.

The determination of comparability will not take into account unpredictable changes in student enrollments or personnel assignments.

In order to achieve comparability of services, the Superintendent shall assign teachers, administrators, and auxiliary personnel and provide curriculum materials and instructional supplies in such a manner as to ensure equivalence throughout the District.

E. Professional Development

The Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines whereby members of the professional staff participate in the design and implementation of staff development activities that meet the requirements of Section 1119 of the Act and:

1. involve parents in the training, when appropriate;
2. combine and consolidate other available Federal and District funds;
3. foster cooperative training with institutions of higher learning and other educational organizations including other school districts.

F. Simultaneous Services

In accordance with law, a school offering Title I services may also serve other students with similar needs.

20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq., Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
34 C.F.R. Part 200, et seq.

2261.01 - PARENT PARTICIPATION IN TITLE I PROGRAMS

In accordance with the requirement of Section 1118 of Title I, programs supported by Title I funds must be designed and implemented in consultation with parents of the students being served.

The Superintendent shall ensure that the Title I plan contains a written statement of guidelines which has been developed with, approved by, and distributed to parents of participating students. The guidelines shall describe how:

- A. the District expects the parents to be involved in the program, including their participation in the development of the plan;
- B. meetings will be conducted with parents including provisions for flexible scheduling and whatever assistance the District may be able to provide parents in order to better ensure their attendance at meetings, and for providing information in a language the parents can understand;
- C. meetings will include review and explanation of the curriculum, means of assessment, and the proficiency levels students are expected to achieve and maintain;
- D. opportunities will be provided for parents to formulate suggestions, interact and share experiences with other parents, and participate appropriately in the decision-making about the program and revisions in the plan;
- E. parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I program;
- F. information concerning school performance profiles and their child's individual performance will be communicated to parents;
- G. parents will be assisted in providing help to their children in achieving the objectives of the program by such means as ensuring regular attendance; monitoring television-watching; providing adequate time and the proper environment for homework; guiding nutritional and

health practices; and the like;

- H. timely responses will be given to parental questions, concerns, and recommendations;
- I. the District will provide coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist Title I schools to develop effective parental participation activities to improve academic achievement;
- J. an annual evaluation of the parental involvement plan will be conducted with parents, identifying any barriers to greater parental involvement (such as limited English, limited literacy, economic disadvantage, disability, etc.) and devising strategies to improve parental involvement;
- K. the parental involvement plan will be coordinated with other programs, such as Head Start, Reading First, Even Start, Parents as Teachers, and Home Instruction for Preschool Youngsters;
- L. other activities will be conducted as appropriate to the plan and State or Federal requirements.

The Superintendent shall also assure that each Title I participating school develops a specific plan, with parental involvement, which:

- A. convenes an annual meeting at a convenient time to which parents of participating children are invited to attend to explain the parents' rights to be involved and the schools obligations to develop an involvement plan;
- B. will devise a flexible meeting schedule and describe assistance to encourage parental involvement, such as child care, transportation, home visits, or similar aid;
- C. will involve parents in an organized, on-going and timely way in the development, review and improvement of parent involvement activities;
- D. will provide participating students' parents with:
 - 1. timely information about the Title I programs;
 - 2. an explanation of the curriculum, the forms of academic assessment and the proficiency levels expected;
 - 3. regular meetings, upon request, to make suggestions and receive response regarding their student's education;
- E. develops jointly with parents a school-parent compact which outlines the responsibilities of the school staff, the parents and the student for academic improvement, including:
 - 1. the school's responsibility to provide high quality curriculum, and instruction in a supportive, effective learning environment;
 - 2. parent's responsibility for such things as monitoring attendance, homework, extracurricular activities and excessive television watching; volunteering in the classroom;
 - 3. the importance of parent teacher communication on an on-going basis through at least annual parent teacher conferences to discuss achievement and the compact; frequent progress reports to the parents; reasonable access to the staff and opportunities to observe and participate in classroom activities.

2261.02 - TITLE I – PARENTS’ RIGHT TO KNOW

In accordance with the requirement of Section 1111 of Title I, for each school receiving Title I funds, the Superintendent shall make sure that all parents of students in that school are notified that they may request, and the District will provide the following information on the student’s classroom teachers:

- A. whether the teacher(s) have met the State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas they are teaching
- B. whether the teacher(s) is teaching under any emergency or provisional status in which the State requirements have been waived
- C. the undergraduate major of the teacher(s) and the area of study and any certificates for any graduate degrees earned
- D. the qualifications of any paraprofessionals providing services to their child(ren)

In addition, the parents **shall** be provided:

- E. information on the level of achievement of their child(ren) on the required State academic assessments;
- F. timely notice if the student is assigned to a teacher who is not "highly qualified" as required, or if the student is taught for more than four (4) weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

The notices and information shall be provided in an understandable format, and to the extent possible, in a language the parent(s) understand.

20 U.S.C. 6311, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
34 C.F.R. Part 200 et seq.