PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that sustained parent/guardian involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment. The Superintendent or designee shall work with staff and parents/guardians to develop meaningful opportunities at all grade levels for parents/guardians to be involved in district and school activities; advisory, decision-making, and advocacy roles; and activities to support learning at home.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

Parents/guardians shall be notified of their rights to be informed about and to participate in their children's education and of the opportunities available to them to do so.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

The district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) shall include goals and strategies for parent/guardian involvement including district efforts to seek parent/guardian input in district and school site decision making and to promote parent/guardian participation in programs for English learners, foster youth, students eligible for free and reduced-price meals, and students with disabilities.  (Education Code 42238.02, 52060)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

Title I Schools

The Superintendent or designee shall involve parents/guardians and family members in establishing district expectations and objectives for meaningful parent/guardian and family engagement in schools supported by Title I funding, developing strategies that describe how the district will carry out each activity listed in 20 USC 6318, as contained in the accompanying administrative regulation, and implementing and evaluating such programs, activities, and procedures. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct outreach to all parents/guardians and family members.  (Education Code 11503; 20 USC 6318)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

When the district's Title I, Part A allocation exceeds the amount specified in 20 USC 6318, the Board shall reserve at least one percent of the funding to implement parent/guardian and family engagement activities and shall distribute at least 90 percent of those reserved funds to eligible schools, with priority given to high-need schools as defined in 20 USC 6631. The Superintendent or designee shall involve parents/guardians and family members of participating students in decisions regarding how the district's Title I funds will be allotted for parent/guardian and family engagement activities.  (20 USC 6318, 6631)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

Expenditures of such funds shall be consistent with the activities specified in this policy and shall include at least one of the following:  (20 USC 6318)

1. Support for schools and nonprofit organizations in providing professional development for district and

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school staff regarding parent/guardian and family engagement strategies, which may be provided jointly to teachers, principals, other school leaders, specialized instructional support personnel, paraprofessionals, early childhood educators, and parents/guardians and family members

2. Support for programs that reach parents/guardians and family members at home, in the community, and at school

3. Dissemination of information on best practices focused on parent/guardian and family engagement, especially best practices for increasing the engagement of economically disadvantaged parents/guardians and family members

4. Collaboration with community-based or other organizations or employers with a record of success in improving and increasing parent/guardian and family engagement

5. Any other activities and strategies that the district determines are appropriate and consistent with this policy

Non-Title I Schools

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies applicable to each school that does not receive federal Title I funds to encourage the involvement and support of parents/guardians in the education of their children, including, but not limited to, strategies describing how the district and schools will address the purposes and goals described in Education Code 11502. (Education Code 11504)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
11500-11505 Programs to encourage parent involvement
48985 Notices in languages other than English
51101 Parent rights and responsibilities
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
54444,1-54444,2 Parent advisory councils, services to migrant children
56190-56194 Community advisory committee, special education
64001 School plan for student achievement, consolidated application programs
LABOR CODE
230.8 Time off to visit child's school
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
18275 Child care and development programs, parent involvement and education
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6311 State plan
6312 Local educational agency plan
6314 Schoolwide programs
6318 Parent and family engagement
6631 Teacher and school leader incentive program, purposes and definitions
7241-7246 Family engagement in education programs
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
35.104 Definitions, auxiliary aids and services
35.160 Communications

Management Resources:
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Title I School-Level Parental Involvement Policy
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Parental Involvement: Title I, Part A, Non-Regulatory Guidance, April 23, 2004

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WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education, Family, School, Community Partnerships: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf
California Parent Center: http://parent.sdsu.edu
California State PTA: http://www.capta.org
National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education: http://www.ncpie.org
National PTA: http://www.pta.org
Parent Information and Resource Centers: http://www.pirc-info.net
Parents as Teachers National Center: http://www.parentsasteachers.org