Richwoods School Parental Involvement Policy

NOTE: In support of strengthening student academic achievement, each school that receives Title I, Part A funds must develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents of participating children a written parental involvement policy that contains information required by section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESSA) (parental involvement policy).

Schools, in consultation with parents, may use the sample template below as a framework for the information to be included in their parental involvement policy. Schools are not required to follow this sample template or framework. If they establish the school’s expectations for parental involvement and include all components listed under "Description of How a School Will Implement Required School Parental Involvement Policy Components" they will have incorporated the information that section 1118 requires be in the school parental involvement policy. Schools, in consultation with parents, are encouraged to include other relevant and agreed upon activities and actions that will support effective parental involvement and strengthen student academic achievement.

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PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

NOTE: There is no required format for written expectations; this is a sample of what might be included.

The Richwoods High School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- Consistent with section 1118, the school will work to ensure that the required school level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118 of the ESSA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESSA. (See Enclosure)

- Schools will notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The policy will be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCHOOLS WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

NOTE: The School Parental Involvement Policy must include a description of how the district will implement or accomplish each of the following components. *(Section 1118, ESSA.)* There is no required format for these descriptions. However, regardless of the format the district chooses to use, a description of each of the following components below must be included in order to satisfy statutory requirements.

1. **Richwoods High School** will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its school parental involvement plan under section 1118 of the ESSA:
   - Invitation and attendance at ULT Meetings
   - PTO Meetings

2. **Richwoods High School** will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESSA:
   a. *Parent representative will be an active member of the Universal Leadership team which develops and monitors Ricwhoods’ school improvement plan which is directly aligned to the district’s strategic plan.*
   b. *Parental input will be collected through surveys and suggestion cards for what is needed for school improvement.*
   c. *Parental input will be sought for utilizing Title I funds for the school through personal individual conversations, Annual Title I meeting and ULT meetings.*

3. **Richwoods High School** will hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a time convenient for parents and will 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. The school will invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting, and will encourage them to attend, by:
   - Virtual Freshmen Orientation
   - Virtual Back to School Night
   - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences
   - ULT Meetings
   - PTO Meetings

4. **Richwoods High School** will provide parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school’s curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children’s progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet by:
   - Virtual Back to School Night
   - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences
   - School Website
   - District Website
   - Family Skyward Access
   - Virtual Curriculum Fair
   - Special Education IEP Meetings
5. **Richwoods High School** 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, by:

- Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Learning Labs
- Family Access
- Progress Reports
- Report Cards
- Special Education IEP Meetings

6. **Richwoods High School** will, with the assistance of its 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:

- Teacher Contacts
- Special Education IEP Meetings
- Parent Teacher Organization
- School Brochure
- Remarkable Times
- Truancy Officer
- Curriculum Fair
- Professional Development Meetings

7. **Richwoods High School** will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, public preschool, and other programs. The school will also conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:

- Virtual Counselor Chit-Chats
- Virtual College Visits
- SAT Prep
- Xello/Career Cruising
- PTO
- January State of the School Address

8. **Richwoods High School** will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent-programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to 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:

- Providing letters or written communication in Spanish to ELL families
- Weekly Parent Link Updates
- ELL Teachers to interpret at Fall P/T Conferences
PART III. DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

NOTE: The School Parental Involvement Policy may include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the school district, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school and school system to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under section 1118(e) of the ESSA:

- involving parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training;
- providing necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds, if the school district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training;
- paying reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and childcare costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions;
- training parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;
- arranging school meetings at a variety of times, or conducting in-home conferences between teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children, arrange meetings with parents who are unable to attend conferences at school in order to maximize parental involvement and participation in their children's education;
- adopting and implementing model approaches to improving parental involvement;
- establishing a school parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs;
- developing appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities.

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PART IV. ADOPTION

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by the Universal Leadership Team of Richwoods High School.

This policy was adopted by the Peoria Public School District #150 on August 2020 and will be in effect for the period of the 2020-2021 school year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before January 11th, 2020.

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11/6/20
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