

Building Capacity

ESSA, Section 1116 (e)(1-14)
Building Capacity for Involvement

“To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve academic achievement, each school and LEA shall provide various services and trainings.”

A district and school **MUST**:

- Provide assistance to parents to understand the State’s academic standards, the State and local assessment standards, and how to work with educators to improve their child’s achievement
- Provide materials and training to help parents work with their child, such as literacy and technology training
- Educate teachers, principals, and other staff , with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of the contribution of parents and how to communicate with and work with parents as equal partners
- In so far as it is feasible, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs
- Provide information to families in a uniform format, and to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand
- Provide reasonable support for family engagement activities

A district and school **MAY**:

- Involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other school staff
- Provide necessary literacy training using funds from this program if the LEA has exhausted other fund options
- Pay reasonable and necessary expenses including transportation and child-care costs to maintain parent participation in school-related meetings and trainings
- Train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents
- Arrange school meetings at a variety of times, and conduct in-home conferences
- Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent and family engagement
- Establish a districtwide parent advisory council (required for Migrant program and their families) to provide advice regarding the parental involvement program
- Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities

Building Capacity Resources:

https://www.esc16.net/page/title1swi.3_publications2

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