# Jennings Randolph Elementary School Parental Engagement Policy

PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Jennings Randolph Elementary School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

* Consistent with section 1118, the school will ensure that the required school level parental involvement policy meets the requirements of section 1118 of the ESEA, and includes, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
* 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.
* In carrying out the Title I, Part A, parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in language parents understand.
* If the school-wide program plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1114(b) of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the local educational agency (school district).
* The school will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how funds reserved under this part are spent for parent involvement activities. The school will build its own and the parent’s capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.
* The school will provide parental involvement activities under section 1118 of the ESEA in the areas of improving student achievement, child development, child rearing and additional topics parents may request.
* The school will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

(A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning;

(B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school;

(C) that parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;

(D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

**PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCHOOLS WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS**

NOTE: The School Parental Involvement Policy shall include a description of how the school will implement or accomplish each of the following components. *[Section 1118, ESEA.]*

1. **Jennings Randolph Elementary School** shall take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development and review of its school parental involvement policy under section 1118 of the ESEA:

* ***PAC meetings (school and county)***
* ***Parent Surveys***
* ***Parent as an active member of the planning team***
* ***Surveys will be sent to parents each spring to obtain input into our school policy.***

1. **Jennings Randolph Elementary School** shall take the following actions to involve parents in the process of planning, joint development of the program, review and improvement of programs under Title I Part A of the ESEA :

* ***PAC meetings (twice a year)***
* ***Parent Surveys***
* ***Parent Member of LSIC***

1. **Jennings Randolph Elementary School** shallhold 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 invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting.

* ***PTO meeting***
* ***Back to school night (powerpoint)***
* ***Pamphlets***

4 **Jennings Randolph Elementary School** shall 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.

* ***Summative Assessment conference***
* ***iReady Reading / iReady Math Reports and assessment results conferences***
* ***Back to School Open House***
* ***Quarterly Report Cards***
* ***Parent Teacher Conferences***
* ***Midterm Reports***

5. **Jennings Randolph Elementary School** shall, at the request of parents, provide opportunities for

regular meetings, held at flexible times, for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in

decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as

practicably possible by:

* ***Teacher conferences (by request)***
* ***SAT meetings***
* ***Parent Teacher Conferences***

6. **Jennings Randolph Elementary School** shall provide each parent an individual student report

about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and

reading by:

* ***Summative Assessment Conferences***
* ***Providing parents with Summative Assessment results***

7. **Jennings Randolph Elementary School** shall take the following actions to provide each parent

timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more

consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section

200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002):

* ***Principal letter***

8. **Jennings Randolph Elementary School** shall provide assistance to parents of children served by

the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics by undertaking the actions described below --

* the state’s academic content standards,
* the state’s student academic achievement standards,
* the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
* the requirements of Title I Part A,
* how to monitor their child’s progress, and
* how to work with educators:
* ***Back to School Open House***
* ***Summative Assessment Conferences***
* ***iReady Reading /iReady Math reports and talks***
* ***Parent Teacher Conferences***
* ***Parent Workshops***
* ***Parent Compact***
* ***School Newsletters***
* ***Volunteer Training***
* ***School Website***
* ***Live Grades***

9. **Jennings Randolph Elementary School** shall provide materials and training to help parents work

with their children in the areas of improving student achievement, (including literacy training and

using technology) child development, child rearing and additional topics parents may request.

* ***Grade Level Workshops***
* ***Back to School Open House***
* ***School-wide Parent Involvement Activities such as a Book Walk***
* ***Grandparents’ Activities***

10. **Jennings Randolph Elementary School** shall, 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:

* ***PTO***
* ***PAC meetings***
* ***LSIC***
* ***Parent Compact***
* ***Parent member on school strategic planning team***
* ***Providing teachers with training regarding “Working With Parents”***

11. **Jennings Randolph Elementary School** shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate

and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Early

Reading First, 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:

* ***Home Visits***
* ***Pre-School transition activities***

12. **Jennings Randolph Elementary School** shall 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:

* ***Agenda Books***
* ***Memos***
* ***School Webpages***
* ***U.S. mail (if applicable)***
* ***Newsletters***
* ***E-mail***
* ***School Messenger***
* ***Live Grades***
* ***Class DOJO***
* ***Remind texts / Facebook***

PART III. DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS)

**NOTE:** The School Parental Involvement Policy **may** include additional information and describe other discretionary activities that the school, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents’ capacity for involvement in the school to support their children’s academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under section 1118(e) of the ESEA:

* 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.

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 membership on project development team.

This policy was adopted by Jennings Randolph Elementary School on **August 15, 2020** and will be in effect for the period of 2020-2021 school year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before September 30, 2020.

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