

**Title I School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy
STEM Academy of Hollywood
2022-2023**

STEM Academy of Hollywood has developed a written Title I parent and family engagement policy with input from Title I parents. **Parents reviewed and updated the policy at parent, ELAC and SSC meeting(s).** It has distributed the policy to parents of Title I students. **STEM Academy has posted the policy on its website.** The policy describes the means for carrying out the following Title I parent and family requirements:

Section I: Involvement of Parents in the Title I Program

To involve parents in the Title I program at STEM Academy of Hollywood, the following practices have been established:

- The school convenes an annual meeting to inform parents and family members of Title I students about Title I requirements and about the right of parents to be involved in the Title I program.
STEM Academy posts the day/time of the meeting on its website. In addition, STEM Academy uses Blackboard Connect to send parents messages/texts of the relevant information.
- The school offers a flexible number of meetings for Title I parents, such as meetings in the morning or evening.
STEM Academy has one parent meeting per month. Meetings alternate between morning and evening. Additional meetings can/will be scheduled at parent request.
- The school involves parents of Title I students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I programs and the Title I parental involvement policy.
During the Annual Title I Meeting, parents are invited to join the committee that reviews updates the engagement policy and compact.
- The school provides parents of Title I students with timely information about Title I programs.
The principal, Title I Coordinator, or designee hold an annual meeting to review all pertinent Title I information with parents. Title I updates are also shared at monthly Coffee/Tea with the Principal meetings.
- The school provides parents of Title I students with an explanation of the curriculum used at the school, the assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
STEM Academy has Back to School/Open House nights per semester. Parents are also welcome to sit in classes with their child. Teachers/counselors are available to meet with parents before/after school to discuss the child's progress.
- If requested by parents of Title I students, the school provides opportunities for regular meetings that allow the parents to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.
STEM Academy has one parent meeting per month. In addition to the evening conferences with teachers, parents are able to sit in with their child during the

school day. Parents serve on the School Site Council, Principal Evaluation Committee and New Teacher Hiring Committee.

Section II: Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

STEM Academy of Hollywood distributes to parents of Title I students a school-parent compact. The compact, which has been jointly developed with parents and approved by them, outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It describes specific ways the school and families will partner to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. It addresses the following legally required items, as well as other items suggested by parents of Title I students.

- The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction
- The ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning
- The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers through, at a minimum, annual parent-teacher conferences; frequent reports on student progress; access to staff; opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class; and opportunities to observe classroom activities

Building Capacity for Involvement

STEM Academy of Hollywood engages Title I parents and family members in meaningful interactions with the school. It supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school has established the following practices:

- The school provides Title I parents with assistance in understanding the State's academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children.
At the monthly parent meetings, the principal, Title I Coordinator, or designee review district and school goals, attendance policies, A-G course requirements, socioemotional programs, Schoology sign in, and the Parent Portal.
- The school provides Title I parents and family members with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement.
STEM Academy provides parent workshops through community-based organizations and the Community Representative. In addition, at the monthly principal meetings, STEM Academy provides parents with data to ensure knowledge of their child's progress towards graduation.
- With the assistance of Title I parents, the school educates staff members about the value of parent and family contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners.
At STEM Academy, parents serve on the School Site Council (SSC), English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), Principal Evaluation Committee and New Teacher Hiring Committee.
- The school coordinates and integrates the Title I parent and family engagement program with other programs, and conducts other activities, such as Parent and Family Centers, to

encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. **STEM Academy schedules meetings that are multifaceted. Meetings are offered at different times of the day to mesh with parents' work schedules.**

- The school distributes information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to Title I parents and family members in a format and language that they understand.

All relevant information is posted on STEM's website. In addition, STEM Academy uses Blackboard Connect to contact parents to notify them of parent meetings or trainings. Documents are posted in English and Spanish.

- The school provides support for parent and family involvement activities requested by Title I parents.

STEM Academy has one parent meeting per month. Meetings alternate between morning and evening. Additional meetings can/will be scheduled at parent request.

Accessibility

STEM Academy of Hollywood provides opportunities for the participation of all Title I parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students.

Information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parents understand. Documents shared with parents are in English and Spanish. Charts, graphs and tables are labeled clearly with additional information posted in easy-to-read text boxes. Documents are posted on STEM's website.

This policy was adopted by STEM Academy of Hollywood on January 25th, 2023 and will be in effect for the entire school year. It has been distributed to parents on January 26th, 2023 and is made available to the local community by sharing policy on the school website at www.stemweb.org.