

POLICY

Receipt of Title I Funds

Heritage Academy may receive funds under Title I, Part A only if Heritage Academy implements programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in programs assisted under Title I, Part A, consistent with 20 U.S.C. 6318. Such programs, activities, and procedures shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children. 20 U.S.C. 6318(a)(1).

School Policy

If Heritage Academy receives Title I, Part A funds, Heritage Academy shall develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to parents of participating children a written parent involvement policy. The policy shall be incorporated into a school plan developed under 20 U.S.C. 6312, establish Heritage Academy's expectations for parent involvement, and explain how Heritage Academy will:

1. Involve parents in the joint development of Heritage Academy's plan and the process of school review and improvement under 20 U.S.C. 6316;
2. Provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance;
3. Build Heritage Academy's and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement as described at 20 U.S.C. 6318(e);
4. Coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies under Title I, Part A with parental involvement strategies under other ESEA programs;
5. Conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the parental involvement policy as described at 20 U.S.C. 6318(a)(2)(E), and use the findings of the evaluation as described in that section; and
6. Involve parents in the activities of the schools served under this part.

20 U.S.C. 6318(a)(2)

Campus Policy

Each school served under Title I, Part A shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents of participating children a written parental involvement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of 20 U.S.C. 6318(c)–(f). Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. 20 U.S.C. 6318(b).

Homeless Children

As a condition of receiving funds under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act, Heritage Academy shall serve homeless children according to their best interests. McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, part of No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 42 U.S.C. 11432.

Comparability of Services

The Board shall ensure equity in services among campus programs and shall maintain appropriate records reflecting equity.

As reflected in Heritage Academy records, equity shall be maintained district-wide in one of the following areas:

1. Expenditures of money per student from state and local funds;
2. Instructional salaries per student from state and local funds; or
3. Instructional staff/student ratios.

In special programs, such as special education and bilingual education, a lower ratio may be maintained and more money may be spent as necessary to fulfill other legal requirements.