

## Title I School-Level Parental Involvement Policy Camino Nuevo Charter Academy, Kayne Siart Campus

*Camino Nuevo Charter Academy, Kayne Siart Campus* has developed a written Title I parental involvement policy with input from Title I parents. *In partnership with the School Site Councils, Camino Nuevo Charter Academy developed the policy. Each year, CNCA also collects feedback from parents to inform any revisions to the policy that may be necessary.* It has distributed the policy to parents of Title I students. *The policy is distributed at the beginning of the school year to each family and is available online via the CNCA website* The policy describes the means for carrying out the following Title I parental involvement requirements [*20 USC* 6318 Section 1118(a)-(f) inclusive].

## Involvement of Parents in the Title I Program

To involve parents in the Title I program at Camino Nuevo Charter Academy, Kayne Siart Campus, the following practices have been established:

- The school convenes an annual meeting to inform parents of Title I students about Title I requirements and about the right of parents to be involved in the Title I program.
  In the beginning of the school year, the school holds parent orientation meetings where the principal reviews involvement opportunities for parents and shares essential elements of the teaching frameworks used in the classrooms. We review our mission & goals and present data results to develop an action plan for the year. Information is also provided during our monthly Parent Coffee meetings, which take place twice every month.
- The school offers a flexible number of meetings for Title I parents, such as meetings in the morning or evening.
   Parent meetings are offered in the morning, during the school day, and in the afternoons to accommodate schedules and maximize attendance. Beginning of the year meetings also take place by grade level to provide information geared to specific grade level needs.
- 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 School Site Council meetings, the Principal requests feedback from parents and teachers about which programs and services they value most and which have positively impacted student achievement to ensure it is prioritized in the school's funding plan.

- The school provides parents of Title I students with timely information about Title I programs. The school provides timely information via weekly Thursday bulletins, ParentSquare, robocalls, media posts, monthly Parent Coffee meetings, quarterly grade level meetings, and other school site committees meetings scheduled throughout the year.
- 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.

Several Parent workshops are offered throughout the year to explain curriculum, instruction, and best practices utilized in classrooms that support students in learning high rigorous common core grade level standards. Throughout the various workshops offered, the school shares data, instructional programs/frameworks, assessments used to collect data, and provide opportunities for parents to walk through classrooms to see Title I programs being used first hand.

• 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.

The School Site Council and the ELAC committee meet once a month and provides parents, students, and staff the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process, share concerns and suggestions they may have, and request individual meetings with school leaders. ELAC can also request to observe the classroom during ELD instruction.

\*It may be helpful to include the parental involvement policy review in the annual review of the Single Plan for Student Achievement.

\*\*The policy must be updated periodically to meet changing needs of parents and the school. If the school has a process in place for involving parents in planning and designing the school's programs, the school may use that process if it includes adequate representation of parents of Title I children. [20 USC 6318 Section 1118(c)(3)]

# School-Parent Compact

*Camino Nuevo Academy, Kayne Siart Campus* distributes to parents of Title I students a school-parent compact. The compact, which has been jointly developed with parents, 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

The School-Parent Compact was developed with input from teachers and parents. The process included, analysis of data (ELA, Math, ELD, Parent and Student Surveys), discussions on frameworks and systems already showing positive and impactful results, and conversations of what needed to be in place to



support areas of growth. Every year, this compact is shared with families through our beginning of the year orientation sessions.

### **Building Capacity for Involvement**

*Camino Nuevo Charter Academy, Kayne Siart campus* engages Title I parents 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.

Throughout the year, parents participate in at least three parent-conferences in which specific information to student successes and challenges are shared. In addition, Parent Coffee monthly meetings and parent workshops provided also offer information about state assessments, testing results, and curriculum/frameworks that focus on meeting grade level expectations.

- The school provides Title I parents with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement.
  Parent workshop include hands-on learning lessons and activities that provide parents with an understanding of the school's teaching frameworks. Grade level and individual class workshops are also offered to share with parent specific concepts being covered at every quarter. In addition, the school also holds school-wide family events in which parents participate in grade level planned activities with their children.
- With the assistance of Title I parents, the school educates staff members about the value of parent contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners.
  Camino Nuevo Charter Academy believes that parents play a crucial role in the social, emotional, and academic success of students. Teachers work closely with families, meet with them on a regular basis, and involve them in the end of unit celebrations of their children's learning.
- The school coordinates and integrates the Title I parental involvement program with other programs, and conducts other activities, such as parent resource centers, to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

Camino Nuevo Charter Academy, Kayne Siart Campus has a full-time Family Coordinator whose main priority is to ensure parents feel heard, supported, and informed. The Family Coordinator holds daily meetings with individual parents, provides weekly parent workshops, invites other public organizations to provide services to our families, and serves as the bridge for teacher and parent communication when needed. She is fully bilingual and participates in monthly meetings with other Student and Family Services Coordinators from the CNCA organization to collaborate on providing resources needed to best support the school community.

• The school distributes Information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to Title I parents in a format and language that the parents understand. Consistent bilingual communication with families is provided on a daily, weekly, and monthly



basis. Flyers, weekly newsletters, posters, robocalls, and a parent board in the front office is closely monitored to ensure parents have the information they need. Also, translators are readily available for parent meeting requests, regular parent/teacher meetings, workshops, and/or parent conferences.

• The school provides support for parental involvement activities requested by Title I parents. The school's Family Coordinator gathers feedback and information from parents via surveys, committees, and individual meetings with parents. She works closely with parents and helps creates clear systems that help parents have clarity on their participation and involvement on community events, school fieldtrips, and other school related activities. The school's Family Coordinator support and carefully monitors school events to ensure our parents feel included and valued.

## Accessibility

*Camino Nuevo Charter Academy, Kayne Siart* 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.

 Various opportunities for parent involvement and support are provided at Camino Nuevo Kayne Siart. Parents are welcomed to volunteer at times that best work for them.
 Opportunities for their involvement and participation can take place in the morning, during the school day, after school, school events, on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis and in the areas they feel comfortable in. All parents are welcome and encouraged to be part of our school community and if language is a barrier, we provide the necessary supports to make sure everyone is included. The School provides links to recorded meetings and prerecorded workshops for parents who need flexible access to information and resources.