

Alpha Academy Charter School

Parent Involvement Policy

General Expectations

Alpha Academy Charter agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- Consistent with section 1118, the school will work to ensure that the required school level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118 of the ESEA.
- School will notify the 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.
- The school will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 of the ESEA as the 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 academics learning community 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.

Alpha Academy Charter School will implement required school parental involvement policy components as follows:

- (1) Alpha Academy Charter will involve parents in the joint development of its Parental Involvement Policy in an ongoing, organized, timely manner.
- (2) Alpha Academy Charter will take the following actions to distribute to parents of participating children and the local community the Parental Involvement Policy:
 - a. The parental involvement policy will be available for parents review on the school website.
 - b. The parental involvement policy will be available for parents in the front office upon request.
 - c. The parental involvement policy will be available for parents in written format upon request.
- (3) Alpha Academy Charter will convene an annual meeting to inform parents of the following:
 - a. Participation in Title I
 - b. The requirements of Title I
 - c. Meetings will be held at various and convenient times to encourage parents to attend. Parents will be notified about meetings through school newsletters and the school website.
- (4) Alpha Academy Charter will 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 by:
 - a. Parent – Teacher Conferences will be held
 - b. Curriculum Night (Reading and Math)
 - c. End of the Year Assessments and what to expect
- (5) Alpha Academy Charter School will at the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular parent meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. A response to any such suggestions will be provided in the following manner as soon as practically possible by:
 - a. Pre-arranged meetings
 - b. Through meetings with student's teacher which may include the principal and other necessary staff members, as appropriate.

Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

- (1) Alpha Academy Charter will build the school's and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership between school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.
 - a. Parent Training
 - b. Family/Curriculum Night
 - c. Parent participation in academic activities

- (2) Alpha Academy will incorporate student/parent/school agreements as a component of its School Parental Involvement Policy:
 - a. The school – parent agreement will be a part of the Student Handbook.

- (3) Alpha Academy will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school in understanding topics, such as the following:
 - a. The State's academic content standards,
 - b. The State's student achievement standards,
 - c. The State and local academic assessments
 - d. How to monitor their child's progress, and
 - e. How to work with educators.

- (4) Parents will receive training and necessary information on the topics above through:
 - a. PTF workshops
 - b. School – Parent Agreements, if necessary
 - c. Highlights of resources on the standards
 - d. School – Sponsored training sessions; and
 - e. Family and Curriculum Nights

- (5) As appropriate, Alpha Academy will provide materials and training such as literacy training and using technology to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement and to foster parental involvement by holding regular:
 - a. Parent Meetings

- (6) Alpha Academy will 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 this between parents and schools, by:
 - a. Web-based learning opportunities
 - b. On-site professional development

- (7) Alpha Academy will to the extent feasible and appropriate take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent – programs, meetings, and other activities, are sent to the 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:

- a. Upon identification of parental need for information in another language or in another format the school will take steps to ensure that the parent request is fulfilled.
 - b. School memos translated in a language parent understands.
- (8) Alpha Academy will address the importance of communication between teachers and students through the following actions:
- a. Regular established parent – teacher conferences
 - b. Maintain parent contact logs
 - c. Frequent reports to parents on their child’s progress; and
 - d. Reasonable access to staff and opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child’s class.
- (9) Alpha Academy will promote academic success by implementing the following:
- a. Delivering a rigorous curriculum to its students that are directly related to the State’s academic standards
 - b. Provide Saturday Academy; and
 - c. STEM Institute