Fox Chase Academics Plus Elementary
Parent and Family Engagement Policy

School Year 2018-2019
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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, **Fox Chase Academics Plus** receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

The **Fox Chase Academics Plus** agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, 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 ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the school-wide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.
- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

  Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

  (A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
  (B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
  (C) 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) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA

5) **All communication with families will be in parent-friendly language and can easily be translated into multiple world languages in coordination with the district's multilingual office and pacific translators.**

Section D: SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Fox Chase Academics Plus will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

- **Will partner with parents, staff and community members when developing, discussing and editing the utilization of the 1% parent involvement funds school compact, parent and family engagement policies.**
- **Distribute copies of the completed versions of the school parent compact and family engagement policies to parents through weekly communication folder and school website.**
- **Invite parents to provide input at Title I meetings such as Budget , School-Parent Compact and the Family Engagement Policies. This year, a parent input meeting was held on April 19, 2018 to solicit parent input into the development of parent and family engagement policy and school parent compact.**

Section E: RESERVATION OF FUNDS

Fox Chase Academics Plus will take the following actions to involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent and family engagement is spent by:

- **Inviting parents to budget meeting to discuss ideas how to utilize parent funds. This input is specifically solicited from parents during the annual Title I Winter Parent Meeting.**
- **Develop a suggestion box for parents to provide ideas about parent funds.**

Section F: COORDINATION OF SERVICES

Fox Chase Academics Plus will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

- **Coordinate with the family engagement liaison to provide information on school, district, regional and community related events for families.**
- **Integrate with the local daycares and preschool programs to provide effective methods for kindergarten transition. Provide information on kindergarten open houses and registration documentation.**

- Partner with parents, staff and community members to develop the School-Parent Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- Invite parents to actively participate in Fox Chase School Advisory Council meeting
- Accommodate parents with various opportunities to attend parent meetings.
- Coordinate with Family Engagement Liaison to host a parent workshop navigating the school district website and connecting with parent portal and Volunteer Orientation Training

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY DISCRETIONARY COMPONENTS

The school will:

- **Provide access to materials in multiple languages.**
- **Develop partnerships with Community organizations.**
- **Assist parents with obtaining necessary documents to volunteer in the school or chaperone on trips.**

The Fox Chase Academics Plus Elementary School has developed, edited and agreed jointly with the parents, community members and staff of the Fox Chase School Advisory Council.

Signature of the Principal 8/22/18 **Date**