

Venture Academy

Title I Parent Involvement Policy

Venture Academy recognizes the vital positive impact that parental involvement in their child's academic work has on student achievement.

The following Parent Involvement Policy—created in consultation with parents, and in conjunction with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)—sets forth the parameters and conditions for parental involvement in the educational programs at Venture Academy which are supported in part by Title I program funds.

Venture academy shall:

- convene an *annual meeting* to explain the Title I program to parents and inform them of their opportunity to be involved in the program;
- be flexible in scheduling meetings to meet parents' needs. Title I funds may be used to pay *related expenses* such as child care, transportation or home visits;
- involve parents, in an organized, ongoing and timely way, in *planning, reviewing, and improving (including dissenting views)* the school's programs supported in part by Title I funds;
- provide *timely information* about its programs to parents; describe the curricula, the student assessments and proficiency levels students are expected to meet; provide opportunities for regular meetings, such as SEP Conferences, where parents can provide input, and respond promptly to parent suggestions.

In order to build capacity for involvement, the Venture Academy staff will provide assistance to parents in such areas as understanding the State's content standards and student performance standards and other associated assessments.

Venture staff members will also provide parents with information as to how they can work with staff to improve the performance of their children and consult with teachers as to how they can participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. This information will be shared at the annual meeting mentioned as well as in newsletters and on the web site.

Venture Academy will provide additional materials and trainings to help parents work with their children to improve achievement. Materials will be distributed by such methods as e-mail, written notices, and/or handbooks.

Venture Academy will ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities, is sent to the home of participating children in the language used in such homes. The Academy will also provide opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency or

with disabilities, including providing information and school profiles in a language and format that parents understand.

Venture Academy will provide, upon request, information to parents regarding the professional qualifications of their student's teacher. Parents may refer to the Venture Academy website, <http://www.venturelearning.org>, for more information about teachers and staff.

The attached compact, developed with input from parents, will be distributed to all participating families as a means of clarifying basic expectations of the school and the families it serves.