



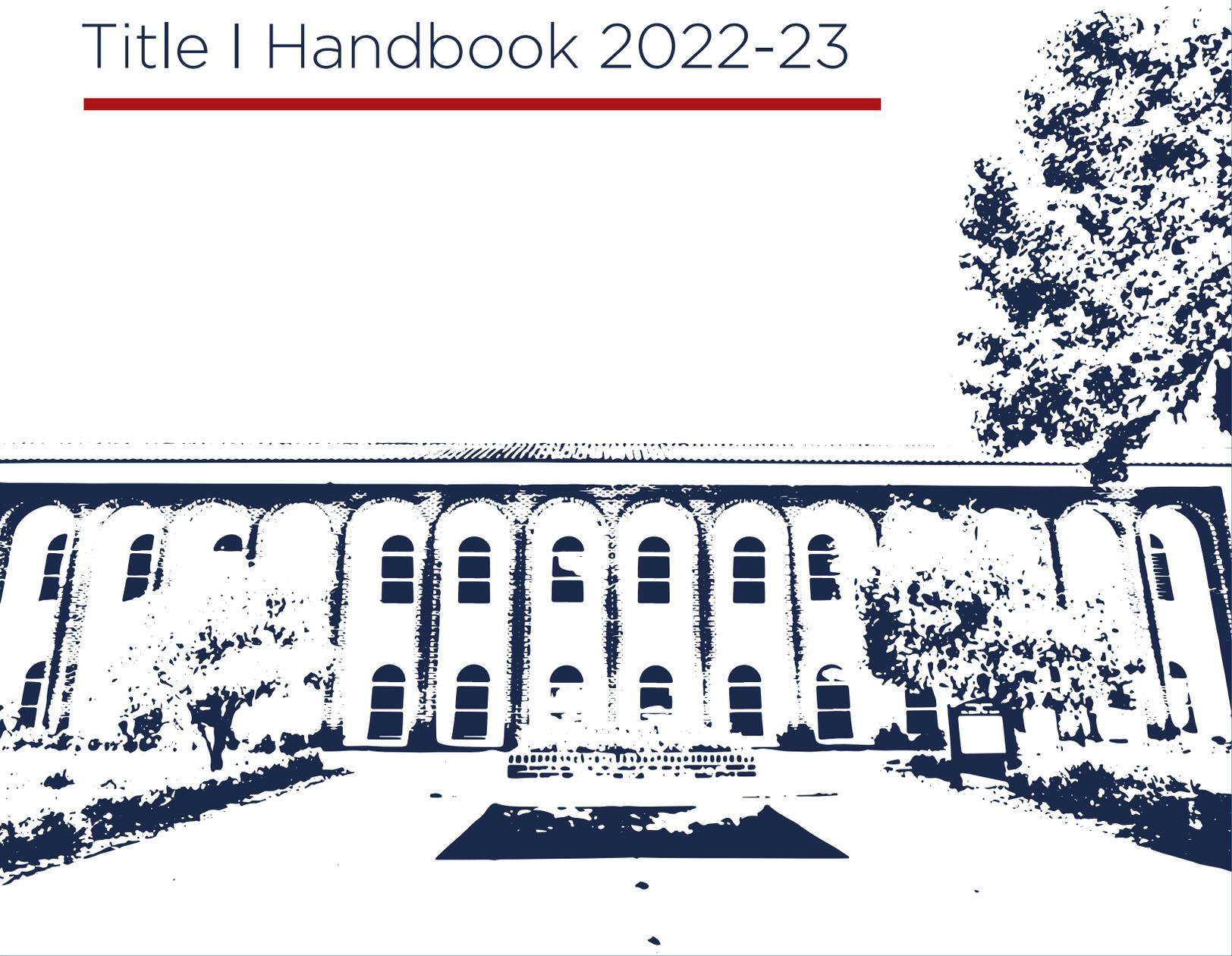
# Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind

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# Deaf Middle School

## Title I Handbook 2022-23

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# **I. About Title I—Frequently Asked Questions**

## **What is Title I?**

Title I, Part A is a component of the federal *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* that provides supplemental funds to approved schools to meet educational goals, support professional development of staff and support parent engagement programs.

Title I federal funds are funneled to states (and then school districts) through educational law “statutes.” The federal law that brought Title I into existence was the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*. This was later reauthorized as *No Child Left Behind (NCLB)*, which was again reauthorized as the present-day *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*.

Every federal government administration has ideas about how the funding should be used and that’s why the legislation keeps getting changed or “reauthorized.”

## **What is the purpose of Title I?**

Title I, Part A aims to close the academic achievement gap by ensuring that schools enrolling a high percentage of free and reduced-price lunch students have the funding for high quality teachers, educational resources, professional development, guest trainers and parent/family outreach services.

## **What schools at FSDB are Title I recipients?**

FSDB receives Title I, Part A funds for its pre-K through grade 8 schools including the Early Learning Center (ELC), Deaf Elementary School (DES), Deaf Middle School (DMS) and Blind Elementary/Middle School (BEMS). The ELC is a Montessori preschool program; for the purposes of Title I; students in the ELC are counted with either the Deaf Elementary School or Blind Elementary/Middle School. These schools are classified as Title I schools, meaning that all students and families of these schools receive the benefit of Title 1 funded programs.

## **Why do the elementary and middle schools at FSDB receive Title I funds and not the high schools?**

The academic leadership team at FSDB decided that Title I funds would focus on the elementary and middle schools, based on the philosophy of early intervention. If these funds were extended to the high schools, the funding for each program would be so tiny it would be difficult to have any real impact on student achievement.

## **What are the major requirements of Title I?**

Title I, Part A requires the inclusion of parents in all steps of the grant planning and evaluation process. Parents are important partners; that is why FSDB has Title I parent meetings on a quarterly basis to determine their budget for Title I “set aside” funds. Under Title I, districts must set aside funds for homeless students (addressed on the next page). Title I also requires that staff stakeholders in each school are involved in brainstorming and deciding which activities will best benefit students, including opportunities for professional development.

## **How is the amount of Title I funding decided for each school?**

Title I funds are based on the number of free and reduced-price lunch students enrolled. FSDB receives the fiscal “allocation” which is subdivided among each of the Title I schools. The BEMS, DES and DMS

Assistant Principals generally divide Title I funds equally between their schools. The BEMS budget is usually larger to accommodate a Technology Assistant position, as students who are blind or visually impaired typically have a greater need for assistive technology support to access the school curriculum.

## Special Provisions of Title I

### Homeless Status

The *McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act* is a federal law to ensure educational stability for students who are homeless. This federal act provides funding to states to support homeless students through the Title I part A federal grant.

Every year at least 5% of the Title I grant funds is directed to homeless students, known as the “set aside”. The McKinney-Vento Team plans how these homeless set aside monies will be spent on students, and also the Homeless Liaison sends a survey to all staff each spring to get feedback and ideas. Finally, the Homeless Liaison presents during one of the quarterly Parent Engagement Workshops to collect parent feedback and ideas on how to support campus homeless students.

Title I set aside funding for homeless students are typically used to purchase:

- Clothing – Ensures that students have clean and decent condition items to wear to school.
- Shoes – Ensures that students meet the dress code and are wearing weather appropriate shoes e.g., boots in winter.
- Books – Helps students select books for their reading enjoyment, to build their ELA fluency and personal libraries.
- Training – Covers attendance by team members at conferences or workshops about homeless students and families.

If you are in any of the following situations, please contact the Homeless Liaison as your child may qualify for the homeless program. This information is kept strictly confidential per FERPA guidelines:

- Living in your vehicle, in a public place such as a park or campground, with friends/family, in a hotel, or in a home that is substandard: no plumbing, no electricity or has structural deficits.

The FSDB McKinney-Vento Homeless Team members are:

- Christi Boortz – Homeless Liaison, [boortzc@fsdbk12.org](mailto:boortzc@fsdbk12.org), 904-827-2284
- Dee Stoddard – DHS Social Worker, [stoddardd@fsdbk12.org](mailto:stoddardd@fsdbk12.org), 904-827-2842
- Wendy Williams – DMS Mental Health Counselor, [williamsw@fsdbk12.org](mailto:williamsw@fsdbk12.org), 904-827-2514
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- Erica Wortherly – Night Social Worker, [wortherlye@fsdbk12.org](mailto:wortherlye@fsdbk12.org), 904-827-2810

## Migrant Status

FSDB is required to contact families who may have migrant status and provide any assistance as needed. This information is confidential and not given to any family protection services or law enforcement agencies, is only used for school purposes.

If you or anyone in your family crossed state or county lines for the purpose of working in one of these industries below, you may qualify:

- Crop Farming
- Dairy farming
- Poultry or egg labor
- Nursery work (trees or plants)
- Commercial fishing, processing fish, working on fish farms

Questions may be directed to FSDB Migrant Services Coordinator Jackie Provoost at 904-827-2527 or [provoostj@fsdbk12.org](mailto:provoostj@fsdbk12.org).

## Foster Status

FSDB is required to track and provide support and assistance as needed to students who are in foster family situations. This information is kept strictly confidential per FERPA guidelines and only used to facilitate special services (such as counseling sessions).

Questions may be directed to FSDB Foster Liaison Jeannine Lawrence at 904-827-2245 or [lawrencej@fsdbk12.org](mailto:lawrencej@fsdbk12.org).

## II. FSDB District-Level—Parent & Family Engagement Plan (PFEP)

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, each school that receives Title I funds must develop a Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) jointly with parents of participating children. The plans are agreed upon by parties involved in their development and distributed to all “stakeholders” including parents, school staff, and administrators. Each written plan contains information required by section 1118 of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*, which was later reauthorized as *No Child Left Behind (NCLB)* and, most recently, as *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*.

According to the Bureau of Federal Educational Programs, “Parent engagement is critical to student success. When parents, teachers and school administrators work cohesively to support the student experience, then students are more inclined to achieve academic success.” That’s why Title I, Part A program regulations insist on robust parent and family engagement activities at every school where federal funds support effective teaching and engaged learning. (<http://www.fldoe.org/policy/federal-edu-programs/title-i-part-a-improving-the-academic-parents.stml>).

Students with engaged parents and families are most likely to:

- Learn to read faster (exhibit faster rates of literacy acquisition)
- Have higher grades and test scores
- Are promoted and take more challenging classes
- Adapt better to school and have better attendance

- Have better social skills and behavior
- Graduate from high school
- Go on to community/technical college or university or into the work force

Expectations are outlined in the Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) for how each school will implement a variety of different parent activities to involve parents as partners in their child’s education.

At FSDB, there is a district-level Local Education Agency Parent and Family Engagement Plan (LEA PFEP), and each Title I school has a PFEP as well. Within the context of this LEA PFEP, FSDB strives to provide families and staff members with capacity-building opportunities that increase combined abilities to support students’ academic and personal growth. FSDB will accomplish this by:

- Offering parents substantial and meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children
- Strengthening district, school and family partnerships
- Providing capacity-building trainings for staff members and families

At the end of each school year, FSDB Parent Services facilitates a meeting to review the content of the LEA PFEP and its effectiveness in supporting Title I schools as related to parent engagement. Parents have the option to participate in the review virtually or by attending an on-campus meeting. The LEA PFEP for the upcoming school year is then developed incorporating feasible programmatic suggestions.

## **District-Level Support to Parents/Families**

***According to the FSDB 2020-21 Parent Climate Survey, 86 percent of families feel there are sufficient opportunities to be involved in their child’s school.***

Two percent of Title I grant funds are allocated as “parent set aside funds” and dedicated to supporting parent engagement. Each year Title I parents determine how this “parent set aside” will be spent. For the 2022-23 school year, the two percent set aside will be used to support the sustainment of our parent/legal guardian travel reimbursement program.

Parent Services offers reimbursement for expenses incurred when Title I families travel to attend approved educational classes, workshops or training sessions, in accordance with FSDB policies and Florida Statutes section 112.61. This program creates opportunities for families to attend capacity building meetings and events and is one of the most valued means of support for parent involvement activities in the Title I budget.

FSDB Parent Services facilitates Parent University, a combination of educational classes and workshops offered to parents and families. Parent Engagement Workshops (PEW) provide full-day learning opportunities open to all FSDB families for the specific purpose of building parent capacity. Throughout the year, these efforts teach parents techniques to support student academic and personal growth. Title I funds can be used to reimburse parent travel to attend these classes.

School-level PFEPs and school-parent compacts are developed every fall during the first Title I parent meeting and shared with families in the Title I Handbooks. These plans outline objectives such as developing parent partnership skills for staff and building parent capacity to support their children in obtaining academic goals. School-parent compacts, also completed in the fall, outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility of improved student academic achievement.

## District-Level Support to Schools

***“When schools work together with families to support learning, children are inclined to succeed not just in school, but throughout life.”—Florida Department of Education***

The FSDB LEA Team works with each Title I school, providing technical assistance to meet grant requirements, offering feedback and support to each Assistant Principal to ensure the inclusion of all parents, and working in partnership to facilitate trainings for staff and families.

The Title I Coordinator assists in the development and distribution of the school-level PFEPs and Family-School Compacts in the fall of each school year and works with the Parent Liaison to disseminate Parent Right to Know (PRTK) information. PRTK informs parents that they have the right to know the professional qualifications of their child’s instructors and gives assurances regarding ‘highly qualified instructors.’

The Parent Liaison is available to Assistant Principals of each Title I school to provide continuous support and assistance in planning and implementing capacity-building events and engagement opportunities for school parents/caregivers and staff.

Assistant Principals are invited to schedule school-level Title I meetings prior to Parent University events to increase parent attendance, collaborate efforts, and consolidate parent travel.

The FSDB Learning Network, led by FSDB Instructional Services, is a professional development program for staff members. The Learning Network provides opportunities at a variety of levels ranging from bits of knowledge to in-depth trainings. The Parent Liaison partners with the Learning Network to offer staff training for all FSDB employees focusing on the importance of a strong partnership between home and school.

Throughout the year, the Parent Liaison attends meetings, shares information, and provides support to all staff to ensure that our schools and programs campus wide are family friendly.

FSDB staff members are encouraged to utilize the resources provided through the Florida Department of Education’s Family and Community Engagement website (<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/activities-programs/parental-involvement/>).

## Communication & Accessibility

***According to the FSDB 2020-21 Parent Climate Survey, 94 percent of families believe there is good communication between home and school.***

The FSDB website, school newsletters, and social media provide families with continuous access to information about opportunities for participation in educational activities.

The current year LEA PFEP is shared on the school website in both English and Spanish. The plan is included in the Title I Parent Handbook provided to each family in the fall. Printed copies are provided to each school and made available during Title I school meetings.

Interpreters and translators are present at all meetings, classes, and trainings when requested so that parents/guardians can receive information in their native language. Accommodations, such as braille, large print, and ASL interpreters are provided for FSDB families upon request as needed to ensure that all parties have the resources needed to participate.

Questions may be directed to FSDB Parent Liaison Misty Porter at 904-827-2988 or [porterm@fsdbk12.org](mailto:porterm@fsdbk12.org).

### **III. Deaf Middle School—Parent & Family Engagement Plan (PFEP)**

Parent involvement is a powerful influence on a child's achievement in school. When schools work together with parents to support learning, children are more likely to succeed not only in school, but throughout life. Parents, families, and legal guardians are encouraged to participate as informed partners with school personnel in implementing the Title I school programs in an effort to improve student academic achievement and school performance.

The Deaf Middle School welcomes and encourages parent/family support and involvement in efforts to improve our academic program.

#### **Parent and Family Engagement Plan Components**

**Describe how the school will involve parents in an organized and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs at their school, including involvement in deciding how the required set aside for parent activities will be used as per Section 1118(a)(3), 1114(b)(2) and 1118(a)(2)(B).**

- Each Title I Assistant Principal holds quarterly parent meetings, some of which are co-conducted at the district level with the Parent Liaison and Title I Coordinator. All parents of students in Title I schools are welcome to attend Title I meetings. The two percent of grant monies specifically set aside for parent involvement activities is determined during the spring parent meeting. This set aside planning allows for revisions, upon request, before the grant is written in early summer of each year.

**Describe how the school will coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities that teach parents how to help their children at home to the extent feasible and appropriate as per Section 1118(e)(4).**

- FSDB Parent Services typically hosts parent workshops four or five times each year on a variety of topics for the specific purpose of building parent capacity. These workshops may include information on how parents can help their children at home by sharing with them enrichment activities as well as how to provide appropriate homework help. Such information is also sent home at the end of each school year, with final report cards, providing parents resources and ideas for summer enrichment activities.
- During the 2022-2023 school year, the Parent Liaison will collaborate with the Assistant Principal and Title I Coordinator to offer workshops to FSDB students and their families to increase knowledge and ability to support their students.
- DMS newsletters are sent weekly to keep parents informed with helpful tips about supporting student homework and PBIS activities at home.

**Describe the specific steps the school will take to conduct an annual meeting designed to inform parents of participating children about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program (schoolwide or targeted assistance), adequate yearly progress, school choice, Supplemental Education Services (SES), and the rights of parents. Include the timeline and persons responsible, and evidence the school will use to demonstrate the effectiveness of the activity (all requirements as per Section 1118(c)(1)).**

- The Title I Coordinator, through collaboration with Parent Services and Communications, ensures that information regarding all of the above is made available to parents in Title I schools through three main channels:
  - The Title I Handbook for each school is prepared sent home to parents in fall of each school year; this handbook contains all Title I plans and parental right notifications.

- The FSDB website ([www.fsdbk12.org](http://www.fsdbk12.org)) also contains this information and is linked to social media accounts.
- DMS newsletters are sent on a weekly basis to parents.
- The DMS Title I Parent Advisory Team meets during the first quarter of the school year to review and provide feedback/recommended changes to the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan and the Title I Family-School Compact.

**Describe how the school will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds services such as childcare, transportation or home visits as outlined under Section 1118(c)(2).**

- Due to the nature of the FSDB schedule and the changing times due to COVID, meetings will be hosted so that parents can join online or in person. This will allow for flexible scheduling and parents to be involved from all over the state.

**Describe how the school will implement activities that will build capacity for strong parent involvement and to support a partnership among the school staff, parents and community to support student academic achievement. Describe the actions the school will take to provide materials and training to help parents work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement, all required by Section 1118(e) and Section 1118 (e)(2).**

- Title I Handbooks, distributed to all Title I families in the fall of the school year, contain the Family-School Compact. This compact specifically lists the responsibilities undertaken by students, their parents and their teachers that will contribute to student academic achievement.
- Parent Services will continue to provide current parent activities & training, such as parent ASL and Braille classes; these classes facilitate improved communication between parents and their children and involve parents to a greater extent in homework. The Parent Services Department typically hosts Parent Engagement Workshops (PEWs) at least four to five times each year on a variety of topics for the specific purpose of building parent capacity. These workshops may include information on how parents can help their children at home by using enrichment activities and by providing ideas on how to offer appropriate homework help.
- The DMS Individual Education Plan (IEP) Coordinator will make a concerted effort to maintain our high percentage of parental participation in IEP meetings through ongoing communication with families about upcoming IEP dates, scheduling at times that are convenient for families, and exploring creative ways for parents to maintain involvement (through the use of technology, for example) for families that face transportation burdens due to living far from campus.
- Student enrichment workshops are hosted to increase parent capacity to communicate effectively, American Sign Language dictionaries are provided for all families to increase communication, and summer workbooks are ordered to help prevent the summer slide. In order to improve school-home relationships, teacher websites are kept up to date and weekly newsletters are sent home to families.

**Describe the training the school will provide to educate its teachers, student services personnel, principals, and other staff in how to work with parents as equal partners, and on the value and utility of contributions of parents as per Section 1118(e)(3).**

- Positive response from teachers, specialists, administrators and parents to support 2022-2023 parent training and capacity-building activities includes topics that will enable a cohesive conversation and understanding between school and home. Information sharing with parents will occur throughout the year via Skyward messages, social media, and written communication home on programs offered through FSDB. Professional Learning Communities will take place at regular intervals throughout the school, look at individual and school data and develop a plan to respond to the data. The emphasis will be on team collaboration, parent partnerships, and implementation with fidelity in the classroom.

- The FSDB Learning Network, led by FSDB Instructional Services, is a professional development program for staff. It provides opportunities at a variety of levels ranging from bits of knowledge to in-depth training. Annually, the Parent Liaison partners with the Learning Network to offer staff training for FSDB employees focusing on the importance of building a strong partnership between home and school.
- Throughout the year, the Parent Liaison attends meetings, shares information and provides support to all staff members to ensure that our schools and programs campus wide are family friendly.

**Describe the other activities, such as parent resource centers, that the school will conduct to encourage and support parents in their participation in the education of their child as per Section 1118(e)(4).**

- The Parent Services department acts as an excellent resource for all FSDB parents. This department provides resources for Lending Libraries house in individual schools, when requested.
- The Parent Liaison facilitates a series of educational opportunities for parents and caregivers through Parent University. This program offers classes and workshops to parents and families throughout the year to learn, increase knowledge of techniques and promote student achievement. Classes target needs specific to parents of students who are blind/visually impaired or deaf/hard of hearing.
- Parents are encouraged to participate as informed partners with schools to support programs in effort to encourage lifelong learning and improve student academic achievement. Parent University is funded by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant.
- The Parent Liaison acts as a travel agent and completes required paperwork to provide travel reimbursements for parents who attend approved campus training, classes, Title I meetings and other capacity-building events within the state of Florida. FSDB families receive travel reimbursements in accordance with FSDB policies and Florida Statutes section 112.61. This program opens opportunities for families to attend capacity-building meetings and events and is one of the most valued means of support for parent involvement activities in the Title I budget. For more information or to request travel reimbursement please contact the Parent Services Department at (904) 827-2988.

**Describe how the school will provide the parents of participating children description and explanation of the curriculum at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels that students are expected to meet as per Section 1118(c)(4)(C).**

- At the beginning of each school year and during IEP meetings the Assistant Principal or school representative will provide the following information:
  - Description of FSDB as a separate entity from all other school districts
  - Vision and Mission of FSDB
  - Accreditation of FSDB Programs
  - Highly Qualified Staff
  - Extent of Instruction and Technology
  - Reading and Math Support
  - Unique Services offered at FSDB
  - Curriculum used at FSDB
  - Adoption of Instructional Materials Process

- Assessment Tools and Information Communication
- Positive Behavior Support and Response to Intervention
- Discuss any questions related to the school and its mission
- The information will be provided in multiple formats including ASL and closed captions in both English and Spanish so that all families have access at the start of the year. Recorded information and/or the parent registration day PowerPoint will be posted on the website for access to parents unable to be present during registration day.
- Additionally, parents will learn about curriculum and assessments by attending Parent University classes, Parent Engagement Workshops, and/or participating in Sub-State Advisory Council meetings and Title I meetings where these topics are often discussed.

**Describe how the school will provide full opportunities for participation in parent involvement activities for all parents, including those with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and migratory children. Include how the school plans to share information related to school and parent programs, meetings, reports, and other activities in a uniform format in a language that parents can understand, all required by Section 1118(e)(5) and (f).**

- Written translations of school communications will be provided to parents with limited English proficiency in their native language to the extent possible. Typically, Spanish, French, and Haitian-Creole translations are provided in written form, while the less common languages such as Russian and Arabic receive an oral translation of documents. American Sign Language videos are also used when appropriate. Large-print and braille versions are also provided to any parents as needed, courtesy of the school's Braille Production Center.
- In addition to translations of written materials, American Sign Language interpreters and/or Spanish translators attend Title I Parent Advisory Team meetings (as well as other parent meetings) and workshops/trainings to provide these services as needed. Closed captioning, American Sign Language and Spanish interpreting is also provided for parent meetings that are held virtually.

## **IV. Deaf Middle School—Parent Right to Know (PRTK)**

Section 1119(i) of ESSA (formerly NCLB) states that districts receiving funds under Title I shall ensure that all teachers hired and teaching in a Title I school are “highly qualified.” This changed slightly with the reauthorization of NCLB into ESSA; teachers are no longer given a highly qualified status, but the school must let parents know if a teacher does not have the required state certification.

Parents of students in Title I part A schools must be notified if a teacher who is not state-certified is teaching their child *within 4 weeks* of the beginning of school and beginning of second semester if there is a class change. Teachers may not have the state certification because they are teaching an out-of-field class, lacking an endorsement or not yet certified in their subject area or grade span.

Paraprofessionals in a Title I school hired after January 8, 2002 must have:

- obtained an Associate Arts Degree (or higher) or
- completed at least 60 college credits or
- passed a paraprofessional assessment with a score of 464 or higher (at FSDB, the test is administered twice a year for those who are interested).

As a Title I parent, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of any teacher or paraprofessional teaching your child. You may request to know:

- whether your child's teacher is state-certified;
- whether your child's teacher is teaching under emergency or other temporary/provisional status;
- bachelor's degree (or higher) of your child's teacher;
- certification areas of your child's teacher;
- whether your child is receiving services from paraprofessionals; and
- if so, the qualifications of the paraprofessionals.

To receive this information, contact DMS Assistant Principal Karen Newton at 904-827-2351 voice/text or 904-201-4525 videophone, or via email at [newtonk@fsdbk12.org](mailto:newtonk@fsdbk12.org).

## V. Deaf Middle School—2022-23 Projects

Title I funding support allotted to the DMS for the current academic year will focus on the following projects and activities:

- **STEAM Summer Camp** during Summer 2022 for grades 6, 7, and 8 will prepare students for careers in the STEAM fields. Students will participate in activities that encompass all content areas -- science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Title I will fund a Summer Camp Coordinator, a Camp Planner, and Camp Teachers.
- **Tech Integration Specialist Lab** to support student engagement and use their knowledge of best education practices partner with their knowledge of technology programs to support student achievement.
- **Software subscriptions** to Teachers Pay Teachers School Access will allow teachers to make their instruction more engaging through active learning.
- **Professional development** for teachers and administrators, who will have the opportunity to participate in various supplementary professional development workshops and conferences during the school year within the state of Florida and out of state.

All Title I schools at FSDB will continue working in the Title I Crate (806 Technologies) online grant monitoring system. This software ensures that all necessary documents are stored in a database for when audits are conducted.

## **VI. Deaf Middle School—Family-School Compact**

The FSDB DMS Family-School Compact outlines how the parents, staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. FSDB Montessori preschool students are included in the elementary grade span and receive all relevant Title I services.

### **Teacher Responsibilities**

- Set annual academic goals with students and parents
- Provide quality instruction based on “best practices” in core academic areas
- Provide a safe and pleasant atmosphere for learning
- Demonstrate care and concern for all students
- Celebrate and value diversity
- Provide parents with student academic progress updates including grades every nine (9) weeks
- Hold family, student and teacher conferences on an as-needed basis
- Make efficient use of protected academic time
- Use data to make shared and informed decisions about instruction
- Communicate on a frequent basis with parents about academic progress, programs and activities
- Update grades on a weekly basis
- Respond to parents within 24 hours of being contacted
- Communicate with and involve students and families on progress toward student IEP goals and share progress quarterly
- Believe that students can and will learn
- Conference with students to analyze data
- Monitor student attendance

### **Parent Responsibilities**

- Emphasize the importance of school attendance
- Send child to school well rested and fed a well-balanced meal
- Read assigned books with your child and offer homework support
- Monitor use of social media, technology and television
- Attend parent-teacher conferences
- Encourage a positive attitude toward learning, educational and support staff members
- Celebrate and value diversity

- Read newsletters and other school communications
- Return permissions and required forms in a timely manner for field trips and other scheduled trips
- Attend Title I Parent Advisory Team meetings, School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings and campus parent trainings as much as possible, or attend these meetings through phone and/or web conferencing technologies
- Communicate frequently with teachers and administrators to remain involved in your child's education
- Support social growth through extracurricular activities
- Show interest in your child's learning experiences
- Believe that your child can and will learn

## **Student Responsibilities**

- Do your best work at all times—believe that you can learn
- Complete class and homework assignments
- Come to school with necessary materials ready to learn
- Follow school and classroom rules
- Celebrate and value diversity
- Demonstrate respect, cooperation and responsibility with staff, students, families and school property
- Complete reading-at-home assignments
- Represent the school in a positive manner, both on and off campus
- Show leadership in school
- Encourage positive peer interactions and support
- Self-advocate and ask for help when needed
- Set academic and personal goals
- Conference with teachers to analyze data

## VII. Deaf Middle School—Family-School Compact Signatures

### Instructions

- Review this Title I Handbook in entirety.
- Add student and parent/legal guardian signatures below.
- Tear off this page and return it to school. The teacher and assistant principal will also sign and put this page in school records per Title I requirements.
- Completion of all signatures certifies that the FSDB DMS Family-School Compact is in effect for the 2022-2023 school year.

### Signatures

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

### Thank you!

FSDB DMS Assistant Principal & Staff Members

FSDB Parent Liaison

FSDB Title I Coordinator



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