

Thomas A. Edison Charter School

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THOMAS EDISON PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Thomas A. Edison Charter School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- We will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- Consistent with section 1118, we will work with to ensure that our required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, Thomas A. Edison Charter 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 a language parents understand.
- If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, we will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the State Department of Education.
- **Thomas A. Edison Charter School** will 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 parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the school.
- **Thomas A. Edison Charter 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 academic learning 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;*

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(D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW THOMAS EDISON WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. Thomas A. Edison Charter School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its school-wide parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA:
 - Invite all parents and stakeholders to monthly parental involvement meetings at the school.
 - Host monthly meetings and provide refreshments for parents to learn about new and existing programs at the school.
2. Thomas A. Edison Charter School will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:
 - All parents will receive a written invitation to participate in the School Improvement Committee.
 - A parent representative to the Board of Directors will report back to the Board on the School Improvement process.
 - The school will host an annual meeting for parents to attend to learn about the requirements of Title I and the School Improvement process.
3. Thomas A. Edison Charter School will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:
 - Thomas Edison will provide meeting space and time through the Parent/Teacher Organization.
 - Thomas Edison will provide training from the Title I coordinator.
 - Thomas Edison will provide access to all necessary technology and/or necessary equipment
 - Thomas Edison will provide support for parents or staff to attend any State and/or National Title I training.
4. **Thomas A. Edison Charter School** will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs:
 - Thomas Edison does not have a pre-school program. We service students in Kindergarten to 8th grade.

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5. **Thomas A. Edison Charter School** will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.
 - Thomas Edison will send a survey home to all parents.
 - Thomas Edison Administration, Teachers, Staff, and Parents will review the data and analyze the results.
 - Thomas Edison will ensure that all parent subgroups are represented.

6. **Thomas A. Edison Charter School** will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:
 - A. **Thomas A. Edison Charter School** will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph --
 - the State's academic content standards,
 - the State's student academic achievement standards,
 - the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
 - the requirements of Part A,
 - how to monitor their child's progress, and
 - how to work with educators:
 - Thomas Edison will host monthly Parent/Teacher Organization meetings where state standards and academic achievement will be discussed.
 - Thomas Edison will ensure all parents are notified of their child's progress through interim and trimester reports.
 - Thomas Edison will host Parent/Teacher Conferences where parents are able to learn about their child's progress and the programs offered at Thomas Edison

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- Parents will have access to their child's grades on the Home Access Center provided through eSchool.
 - Monthly workshops will be offered to parents on parenting skills, ways to work with the school, and various other topics.
- B. Thomas A. Edison Charter School** will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by:
- Host a 100-Book Challenge Parental Reading Workshop
 - Schedule afternoon and evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - Host Monthly After-School Parent Meetings.
 - Offer remedial online program (Achieve 3000) for students to access at school and at home.
- C. Thomas A. Edison Charter School** will, with the assistance of parents, 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 ties between parents and schools, by:
- New Teachers will be trained at their orientation about effective ways to communicate with parents
 - Training will be provided for teachers on ways to involve parents in the classroom
 - Parents will be invited to attend a 100-Book Challenge workshop to work with teachers on ways to help students achieve.
 - We will hold PLC meetings for teachers where we develop new strategies for reaching out to parents.
 - The PTO president will meet with teachers and parents to discuss ways to increase parental involvement and communication with parents.
- D. Thomas A. Edison Charter School** will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other 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:
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E. **Thomas A. Edison Charter School** will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent- programs, meetings, and other activities, is 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:

- All parents will receive written communication in parent-friendly language.
- Parents will be notified of all meetings, workshops, conferences and events through our Alert-Now phone notification system.
- Notifications of all meetings, workshops, parent/teacher conferences will be posted on our website.
- Any parent needing the information translated, will have that done for them.

PART III. ADOPTION

This School wide Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

This policy was adopted by the Thomas A. Edison Charter School on August 22, 2016 and will be in effect for the period of one (1) year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before November 30, 2016.

(Signature of Authorized Official)

(Date)