

**Title I, Part A Parent and Family Engagement Plan
Dreamers Academy
2024-2025**

Each school served under Title I, Part A shall **jointly develop with, and distribute to**, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement plan.

Review and Reflection of 2023-2024 Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Describe which parts of your 2023-2024 PFEP were the most effective and how you feel it positively impacted family engagement and student learning. Be sure to include any barriers and how you will address these barriers in the 2024-2025 PFEP. Using the stakeholder input (parent/teacher surveys, meeting notes, evaluations, etc.), identify and briefly discuss the needs you will address this year through your PFEP.

RESPONSE:

We have an onsite Parent-Home Liaison. Our Liaison works closely with families and the administration to gather feedback. The administrative team and the liaison planned school wide family engagement events such as our Fall Festival, Remake learning days, and family literacy initiatives. The Liaison collaborated with the Parent Teacher Council and worked individually with families to help them meet their students' educational needs and to ensure the best possible outcomes for students and families.

Parent and Family Engagement Mission Statement

Enter your Parent and Family Engagement mission statement below. Describe how parent and family engagement will assist in providing high quality instruction for all learners. The mission statement should:

- **Reflect the beliefs or values the school holds regarding the importance of family engagement;**
- **Explain the purpose of the parent and family engagement program;**
- **Be written in parent friendly language;**
- **Inspire stakeholders to be engaged and supportive of the program; and**
- **Be different from your school mission statement.**

RESPONSE:

Our school mission remains: *Dreamers Academy is a K-5th public dual language charter school that develops bilingual, biliterate, and cross-cultural leaders of character within a caring environment that encourages family engagement and celebrates America.*

Our core academic program is Dual Language Immersion. Dual Language programs foster bilingualism, biliteracy, enhanced awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity, and high levels of academic achievement through instruction in two languages. Our program follows a 50/50 language allocation model, 50% of literacy and content instruction is in English and 50% of the instruction is in Spanish. Parent engagement is foundational at Dreamers Academy.

The purpose of the parent and family engagement plan is to maximize our partnership in education and to be driven by our mission. Research shows that superior parental engagement in school impacts children's academic performance in a positive way. Our teachers and the administrative team maximize parent engagement and communication in order for students to be successful in their classrooms. They communicate in various ways; that is, with Remind App, in person / virtual conferences, weekly emails and/or newsletters, and phone calls. Our parents and students are required to attend a conference in

October with their homeroom teachers to discuss academic progress. Parents and families are regularly invited to attend Dreamers Academy to school events and to volunteer.

Involvement of Stakeholders (Parents, Families, School Personnel and Community)

Describe how the school will involve the parents and families in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner, in the planning, review and improvement of Title I programs, including involvement in decision making of how funds for Title I will be used. [ESEA Section 1116]

RESPONSE:

The Parent Teacher Council (PTC) is actively formulating new ideas, as well as proactively participating in decisions relating to their children's education. All meetings are conducted bilingually in English and Spanish to honor our students' home languages. We have high family engagement as evidenced by high parental attendance to our school-wide events. Our families receive a weekly newsletter to inform of any upcoming events which are promoted on the school website and social media.

The PTC, Parent-Home Liaison, and the administrative team plans and meets quarterly to create a calendar of events and logistics for the school year. Additionally, the Title I annual meeting is scheduled in the 1st quarter and promoted with ample time to our families via weekly newsletter, social media, and/or text.

Coordination and Integration

Describe how your school collaborates with other federal programs, district departments, business community, library systems, and governmental and non-governmental organizations to provide integrated parent and family engagement opportunities. Include how the school will coordinate and integrate parent and family activities that teach parents how to help their child(ren) at home. [ESEA Section 1116]

Program	Coordination
Title I	School Choice District Office & Finance Department communication & collaboration
United Way Suncoast	After School Program grant of \$30,000 for 3 years starting in 2022-2023 school year to support our literacy enrichment activities and tutoring to improve literacy K-3. We will host our annual New World's Reading Family Literacy event with UWS. We will partner the event with our ESOL night event and provide resources and free books for families.
The Patterson Foundation	The Suncoast Remake Learning Days & The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading provides a grant for \$500 to plan and implement free hands-on interactive and exploratory activities for families. Our annual event is called "Viva DreamArte" and we invite all families to participate, enjoy, and have fun.
Familia Connect	This is a Dreamers Academy initiative where we plan and implement workshops focused on providing literacy resources to families in both English and Spanish; as well as how to support your young readers at home. Our Parent-Home Liaison is actively involved in promoting the events and workshops, assisting with registration and access to information and resources. We will use an app named Goosechase to continue to enhance family engagement activities throughout the year.

Annual Parent Meeting

Describe the specific steps the school will take to conduct an annual meeting designed to inform parents and families of participating children about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program (schoolwide or targeted assistance), and the rights of parents. Include timeline, persons responsible, and evidence the school will use to demonstrate the effectiveness of the activity [Section 1118(c)(1)].

Count	Activities and Tasks	Person Responsible	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness				
1	Develop agendas, handouts, and presentation materials that address the required components	Head of school and/or admin designee, PTC, Parent-Home Liaison	July/August 2024	Copies of documents uploaded to the online crate				
2	Develop and disseminate invitations (flyers, calls, texts, newsletters, etc.)	Head of school and/or admin designee, PTC, Parent-Home Liaison	August/September 2024	Copies of invitations and sign-in sheets uploaded to the online crate				
3	Hold the Meeting(s)	Head of school and/or admin designee, PTC, Parent-Home Liaison	September/October 2024	Agenda/Sign-in Sheet uploaded to the online crate				
4	Evaluate the Meeting(s)	Head of school and/or admin designee, PTC, Parent-Home Liaison	October/November 2024	Aggregated Evaluation Form/Notes uploaded to the online crate				
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Parent Notifications

Describe how the school will provide each family with timely notice information regarding the following:

- the parent's right to request information on the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals
- how the school will provide each family with an individualized student report about the performance of their child(ren) on the State assessments

- **how will the school notify each family, in a timely manner, when their child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher who is out of field? [ESEA Section 1116]**

RESPONSE:

Parents have the right to request information on the professional qualifications of the student’s classroom teachers and paraprofessionals. The school will provide an individualized student report about the performance of their child(ren) on the State assessments when requested by a parent and/or direct the parent to the FOCUS portal for access to the state assessments report. The school will notify each family via letter when their student has been assigned or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is Out of Field (OOF).

Flexible Parent Meetings

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, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services related to parental involvement [ESEA Section 1116]

RESPONSE:

The school will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, in-person or virtual. We will provide refreshments for in-person meetings.

Building Capacity

Describe how the school will implement activities that will build the capacity for meaningful parent/family engagement, 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. Describe the actions the school will take to provide materials and training to help parents/families work with their child(ren) to improve academic achievement. Include information on how the school will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under Section 1116.

Description of Activity	Person Responsible	SIP goal with which this activity is aligned	Timeline	Specific Anticipated Outcomes for this Activity
<p>Family Literacy events and workshops with modeled shared reading and activities to practice at home</p> <p>Families will enjoy using an app and complete missions that relates to literacy and other fun activities they must accomplish together</p>	<p>Reading Coach and Literacy Team</p> <p>Partnership with UWS</p> <p>Parent-Home Liaison</p>	<p>Increase percent of students reading on grade level</p>	<p>August - May</p>	<p>Parents will read and discuss reading with their children. Reading achievement increases from PM1 to PM2 to PM3</p>

Staff Development

Describe the professional development activities the school will provide, with the assistance of parents/families, to educate the teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, school leaders, and other staff in the following:

- the value and utility of contributions of parents/families
- how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents/families as equal partners, and
- implementing and coordinating parent/family programs, and in building ties between parents/families and the school. [ESEA Section 1116]

Description of PL Activity	Person Responsible	Specific Anticipated Outcomes for this Activity	Timeline
Parent-Student-Teacher Conference Prep: Steps & Strategies for planning, building trust, conducting phone calls, conferences, and following up with families	Head of School or admin designee	Teachers and parents will develop positive relationships that support student academic and character growth	Fall PD October conferences for all students mandatory Spring conferences as needed and as requested by teachers, parents, and/or admin

Other Activities

Describe the other activities, such as parent resource centers, the school will conduct to encourage and support parents in more meaningful engagement in the education of their child(ren). [ESEA Section 1116].

RESPONSE:

As stated prior, Familia Connect is a Dreamers Academy initiative where we plan and implement workshops focused on providing literacy resources to families in both English and Spanish; as well as how to support your young readers at home. Our Parent-Home Liaison is actively involved in promoting the events and workshops, assisting with registration and access to information and resources. We will use an app named Goosechase to continue to enhance family engagement activities throughout the year.

Communication

Describe how the school will provide parents and families of participating children the following [ESEA Section 1116]:

- Timely information about the Title I programs
- Description and explanation of the curriculum at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to obtain
- If requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children
- If the schoolwide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will include the parents' comments with the plan that will be made available to the local education agency.

RESPONSE:

Dreamers Academy will provide information about the Title I on our website, weekly newsletter, and during our annual meeting. Parents will be encouraged to provide ideas and feedback.

Benchmark Advanced and Benchmark Adelante are our literacy programs that are aligned with the Florida B.E.S.T and the Science of Reading. Our literacy block includes whole and small group instruction. Reading intervention includes evidence-based strategies frequently used to remediate reading deficiencies and includes, but is not limited to, individual instruction, multisensory approaches that targets specific reading skills and abilities. Our reading intervention is responsive to the linguistic needs of the students and fosters biliteracy for emerging readers. The goal is for all of our students to read at grade-level. Title I will fund our literacy coach and interventionist positions.

We also follow Florida B.E.S.T. for math instruction. Math intervention incorporates explicit, systematic, and sequential approaches to address gaps in grade level knowledge, target skills and concepts, and boost Math proficiency. Our goal is for all students to have high mathematical abilities and skills. Title I funded the math coach position.

Accessibility

Describe how the school will provide full opportunities for participation in parent/family engagement activities for all parents/families (including parents with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and migratory children). Include how the school plans to share information related to school and parent programs, meetings, school reports, and other activities in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practical, in a language parents can understand [ESEA Section 1116]:

RESPONSE:

Dreamers Academy is a dual language school that fosters bilingualism, biliteracy, and high academic achievement through the instruction in two languages. Our program follows a 50/50 language allocation model, 50% of literacy and content instruction is in English and 50% of the instruction is in Spanish. Dual language Education addresses the needs of English Language Learners due to instruction in heritage language and use of ESOL strategies embedded into the pedagogy.

Our Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program stands out for its comprehensive approach to fostering an inclusive and supportive learning environment through dual-language immersion. One of its primary strengths lies in delivering interventions, evaluations, and instructional support in both English and Spanish, ensuring that students receive high-quality education in their dominant language. This dual-language approach promotes academic growth and reinforces cultural identity, empowering students to become bilingual and biliterate, which is part of our school's mission. The ESE program excels in creating individualized education plans (IEPs) tailored to each student's linguistic and academic needs, enabling them to thrive in both languages.

At Dreamers Academy, we ensure that communication with families occurs in their preferred language, fostering trust and engagement. By offering individualized support, promoting bilingualism, and cohesive collaboration, we will achieve our mission.

Discretionary Activities

Describe any activities that are not required, but will be paid for through Title I, Part A funding [for example, home visits by school staff (including GETs and Home School Liaisons), transportation for meetings, activities related to parent/family engagement, etc.]

RESPONSE:

Title I will fund the Parent Champion, which is our Parent-Home Liaison.