



Ideas to Increase Parent Engagement using Title I Parent Involvement Funds

Non Classroom Teacher Hourly
1. Train and pay a cadre of teachers to conduct home visits to welcome new families to the school site; provide helpful school information, and offer services related to school activities.
2. Pay teachers to develop interactive themed parent workshops to support students in reaching or exceeding grade level standards
3. Pay teachers (after work hours and weekends) and parents (stipend) to work with community organizers to research solutions for problems that families and students face, such as neighborhood safety, bullying, traffic hazards, and gang activity
4. Pay teachers to organize school wide family events, parent workshops, Back-to-School events conducted before school begins, during the school day or after school hours.
5. Hire community experts to share knowledge with parents to support student learning, assist with university information and a variety of other subjects
6. Pay teachers to conduct parent workshops after school, evenings or on the weekend.
Classified Hourly or Overtime Compensation Rates
7. Classified employees both monthly and hourly can be paid to assist in a variety of ways to promote parent engagement. Their pay rates vary depending on job classification. See salary schedules found on staff webpage at www.sandi.net
Childcare – Other Support Prsnl PARAS Hrly
8. Pay childcare providers to babysit so parents can attend workshops. For safety reasons, the Parent Outreach and Engagement Department policy is to hire a minimum two providers per workshop.
Translation or Interpretation – Tech Professional OTBS Hrly
9. Pay for translation of newsletters, student syllabi, parent letters, workshop materials, other pertinent parent communication etc.
10. Pay for interpretation at meetings, workshops for events for parents. Work with the Translation Services Unit for hourly interpreters.
Instructional Materials
11. Purchase reading, math, science, etc. parent education kits to teach families how to support student learning at home.
12. Learning kits that assist families in how to help support their children at home—and respond to what families say they want to know about.
13. Purchase math manipulatives for Family Math Nights or for parents to check out materials to reinforce math skills at home.
14. Purchase materials such as kits, DVDs to train classroom teachers to implement and sustain student-led conferences or to improve parent-teacher conferences.
15. Purchase science materials to conduct experiments for Family Science Nights.
Books – Library Books, Reference Books, Instructional Materials
16. Order multi-cultural books, periodicals, magazine subscriptions that reflect cultural strengths/interests to be displayed in the front office (waiting area) or for check out in the parent center to support reading at home.
17. Order read-aloud books or other literacy materials for Family Reading or Science Nights or for parents to check out materials to reinforce reading skills at home.



18. Order math manipulatives for Family Math nights or for parents to check out materials to reinforce math skills at home.
19. Purchase grade level books to develop a school parent library to lend to families to support classroom reading at home.
20. Grade-level materials for developing home learning kits and /or games that support mathematical understanding to lend out or give to parents for supporting classroom learning at home.
21. Purchase classroom books about different groups' experiences/histories, including African Americans, Asians, and Latinos, etc., to stimulate discussions about backgrounds and values for use in Family Friday events.
22. Purchase materials, kits, or DVDs to train classroom teachers to implement and sustain student-led conferences
Instructional Materials and Inservice Supplies
23. Bulletin boards to place in high traffic areas to display photos and information related to families supporting student learning, to honor parent contributions, advertise opportunities for involvement, post teacher wish lists for classrooms, and advertise community and social services available.
24. Glass displays in high traffic areas to display photos and information related to families supporting student learning.
25. Digital camera to capture students engaged in classroom and to post pictures in school office, hallways, or in classrooms to inform stakeholders of examples of students at work.
26. Equip a parent center with coffee pot, carpets, children's toys, books, parent informational brochures, etc.
27. Purchase ready-made school newsletters that can be customized and translated for various languages for distribution to families. (The Parent Institute and Canning Bete are two commercial companies that offer a variety of parent engagement materials.)
Software Purchase
28. Purchase iWorks (contains iPage) software to use templates to create professional and family-friendly newsletters, flyers, bookmarks, brochures, etc
Equipment Non Capitalized
29. Purchase a receiver for simultaneous interpretation (will need to purchase headsets)
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31. Purchase computers (PC or MAC) for the Parent Center provide parents access to technology and the district's ParentConnect so the families can monitor student progress.
32. Color Printer and toner to produce student materials for families that support classroom learning.
33. Install flat screen TVs in high traffic areas to display up to date information such as attendance rates, test results, and how the school is making improvements, photos of staff and students to inform parents, students and community members.
Video Production – Interprogram Services/Video Services
27. Develop a WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL video (in different languages) for orientation to school and to lend to new families as they enroll their children. This video includes “what students are learning in class” and offers tips for helping families at home working on student achievement.
Print Services – Interprogram Services/Duplicating
34. Print NCR forms (in tablets) so teachers can send positive notes home or in the U.S. mail, and keep a copy for the school file.



35. Print school brochures or other school materials in color for distribution to families.
Transportation – Interprogram Services/Field Trip
36. Order district buses to transport parents to the Ballard Parent Center to attend Parent University, Computer Lab or Math lab parent classes.
37. Order district buses for family field trips to the library to help families to get library cards, borrow books and media to support student learning.
38. Order district buses for family field trips to local universities community events to create a college-culture at home.
39. Order district buses for family field trips to local museums, exhibits, plays, dances, cultural fairs to help families support classroom learning and to enrich children’s lives and connect to outside sources of social/cultural capital
Promotional Materials - Contracted Services Less Than 25K
40. Order custom banners that list ongoing opportunities such as, “Support Your Child’s Academic Progress: Parent Classes Tonight”
41. Contract with a local printing service to print parent information to improve home-school communication such as calendar of events, school handbook etc.
42. Order custom family-friendly weatherproof signs/banners in different languages for inside and outside of the school building to welcome families to the site.
43. Order permanent directional signs and/or maps that help parents/visitors locate rooms or offices at site.
44. Contract with a painter to stenciled footprints or mascot prints on school walkways to help stakeholders easily identify buildings or rooms, especially at schools with several campuses (i.e. San Diego High, Kearney, Crawford, etc.)or buildings.
45. Purchase commercially produced “Welcome” signs in different languages
46. Order refrigerator magnets printed in multiple languages with school contact or information and important dates closely linked to family engagement.
Postage Expense
47. Purchase U.S. postcards (with postage) so teachers can send positive notes home at least twice a year.
48. Purchase stamps to mail information to parents, that includes items such as important upcoming dates and progress/ report cards.
Other
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