



Parent and Family Engagement Allowable Uses

Use of this Document

This document is designed to support local education agencies (LEAs), schools, and sub-grantees in identifying potential allowable uses of Title I, Part A funds for Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) activities. It is important to note that while this document lists strategies and activities commonly funded, this should not be considered an exhaustive list, nor does it guarantee that an activity listed will be considered allowable for each sub-grantee; allowability is also based on a data-driven assessment of local needs.

Purpose of Parent and Family Engagement

The purpose of Parent and Family Engagement under Title I, Part A is to provide support to schools, families, and communities through the development of partnerships and relationship building. Parent and Family Engagement focuses on increasing active participation, communication, and collaboration between all stakeholders, reaching beyond barriers of culture, language, disabilities, and poverty to improve education and other important outcomes for children, youth, and adults.

General Considerations

Programs and activities supported by Parent and Family Engagement funds must be:

- Consistent with the purpose of Title I, Part A.
- Necessary in addressing identified needs
- Reasonable in considering breadth of impact and associated costs
- Used to address the learning needs of all students, including children with disabilities, English Learners (ELs), Homeless, and gifted and talented students
- Utilized to build capacity of all stakeholders
- Coordinated with other available funds and resources to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of spending

Allowable and Unallowable Uses

Strategy	Allowable Uses	Unallowable Uses
Staff Salaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salaries for Parent Engagement Coordinators and Liaisons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any staff that does not provide PFE support
Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences including registration, room, food, travel for district, school level personnel, and parents for PFE • Consultants for PFE • Stipends for educators attending PFE professional development activities during non-contractual days • Professional development supplies and materials for PFE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development outside of educational context for parents and families • Professional development for parents and families which the district is using general funds to pay costs for non-Title I schools

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Homebased programs	<p>Supporting programs that reach parents and families at home, in the community and at school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Academies • Online Resources • Homework Nights • Multi-Cultural activities embedded with specific content objectives • Focus Groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs that are for students only
Disseminating Information	<p>Informing parents and families on best practices focused on parent and family engagement activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper and other publications • Social media outlets • Automated call systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminating information that does not address PFE

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Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer hardware to support PFE activities, such as laptops • Computer software to support PFE activities, such as hot spots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardware or software for which the district is using state or local funds to pay for in non-Title I schools • Technology that is not tied to an allowable activity, program, or intervention
Collaborating with Community-based organizations	Contracting with community-based organizations, employers, or other entities with proven records of success in improving and increasing parent and family participation.	

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Other Activities	<p>Engaging in other activities and strategies that the local education agency determines to be appropriate and consistent with the agency’s parent and family engagement policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light refreshments for parent meetings (maximum of \$1.00 per person) • Childcare expenses associated with parent meetings/trainings • Transportation costs associated with parent meetings/trainings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash Awards • Gift Cards • Meals that exceed the maximum allowed cost of \$1.00 per person • Transportation reimbursements not associated with parent meetings/trainings • Childcare reimbursements not associated with parent meetings/trainings

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