



## **917 Title I LEA and School Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

Circle of Seasons Charter School (“COS”) is dedicated to the philosophy that parent/guardian involvement is integral to the success of each student, and that forging a strong partnership between school and home is essential in order to provide a quality education to all students.

Therefore, COS will implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in accordance with Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). This federal statute defines "parent and family engagement" as the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- that parents/guardians play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning
- that parents/guardians are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school
- that parents/guardians 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
- that other activities, such as those described in Section in 1118 of the ESEA, are carried out

COS has developed this Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy to inform our school community. This policy will be posted on COS’s website for accessibility to parents and members of the community, will be distributed at the annual Title I meeting, and will be in the Student-Parent Handbook.

### **School Responsibilities**

In order to involve parents in the Title I Program, COS will:

- Convene an annual Title I meeting to inform parents of COS’ participation in the Title I Program, the Program’s requirements, and parents' involvement and rights.



- Provide a written agreement (School-Parent Compact) explaining the roles of parent, student, and staff to be signed by all parties responsible for academic achievement.
- Provide a high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables students to meet State academic standards.
- Inform parents if their children will be taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified, should the need arise.
- Employ teachers who meet Pennsylvania’s statutory and regulatory requirements, will be provided with professional development, and will continually update resources and maintain an environment that facilitates learning.
- With regard to professional development, provide training to school staff to strengthen parental involvement efforts relating to:
  - The value and utility of contributions of parents
  - How to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners
  - Implementing and coordinating parent programs
  - Building ties between parents and COS
- Ensure full opportunities for participation of all parents, regardless of whether or not their children have disabilities, migratory status, or limited English proficiency, by providing information about COS’ Title I Program and other programs, school meetings, and associated activities to all participating families in an understandable and uniform format and language that parents can understand.

### **Parent/Guardian Involvement**

- Parents/Guardians will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of COS’ Title I Program and the Parent and Family Engagement Policy through feedback, suggestions, the Annual Title I Parent Meeting, additional parent meetings, and parent-teacher conferences.



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This policy was adopted by the COS Board of Trustees for the 2023-2024 school year, and will be in effect for the period of one year. This policy will be placed on the school website so that all parents have access to it. Please direct any questions to our Federal Programs Coordinator - Erin Orben - at eorben@circleofseasons.org.

TO THE EXTENT THAT ANYTHING IN THIS POLICY COULD BE CONSTRUED TO CONFLICT WITH THE SCHOOL'S CHARTER OR APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS, THE APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS AND/OR CHARTER CONTROL.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President

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Secretary