School-Parent Compact: Guide to Quality Title I Requirements and Quality Indicators

	Does the school-parent compact:		Section of Title I law:	To make the compact most effective:
The Role of the School	1-A Clearly explain district and school goals to meet student academic standards?	Yes □ No □	1116(d)	Link actions in the compact to goals in the school plan. Use achievement data to set specific goals.
	1-B Describe ways that teachers are responsible for supporting students' learning and providing high-quality curriculum and instruction?	Yes □ No □	1116(d) 1116(d)(1)	Describe how teachers will help families understand what children are learning and doing in class. Specify how teachers will support family participation in learning activities.
	Provide information and actions specific to each grade level, tied to the school plan?	Yes □ No □	This is best practice and not required under Title I.	 Include high-impact strategies for each grade level, designed by grade-level teams with families, after asking students for input. Design strategies to address high priority areas of challenge for each grade level.
The Role of the Parent	2 Describe specific ways families will be responsible for supporting their children's learning?	Yes □ No □	1116(d) 1116(d)(1)	Connect strategies for families to what students are doing in class.
	Provide information and actions specific to each grade level, tied to the school plan?	Yes □ No □	This is best practice and not required under Title I.	 Include high-impact strategies for each grade level, designed by grade-level teams with families, after asking students for input. Design strategies to address high priority areas of challenge for each grade level.
The Role of the Student	3 Describe specific ways students will be responsible for their learning?	Yes □ No □	1116(d)	Connect strategies to what students are learning in class.
	Provide information and actions specific to each grade level, tied to the school plan?	Yes □ No □	This is best practice and not required under Title I.	 Include high-impact strategies for each grade level, designed by grade-level teams with families, after asking students for input. Design strategies to address high priority areas of challenge for each grade level.
Activities to Develop Partnerships	4 Describe school activities to build partnerships with families, including chances for parents and family members to volunteer, take part in, and observe classroom activities, and communicate with teachers?	Yes □ No □	1116(d) 1116(d)(2)(C)	Provide both families and teachers opportunities to develop skills for working together (for example: scheduled literacy conversations, demonstration lessons, class meetings, workshops, volunteer and leadership opportunities). Offer activities based on identified family needs. Offer meetings at different days and times.
Jointly Developed	5 Describe how families are involved in developing and revising the compact?	Yes □ No □	1116(d) 1116(f)	Provide resources to cover costs for families to participate such as, child care and transportation. Give specifics about how families are involved (for example, families participate on data teams that meet to update the compact, annual review by the school governance council, which includes families). Schedule meetings at accessible locations and at different days and times.
Communicate About Student Progress	6 Describe several methods for regular home-school communication, enabling families to be kept up-to-date on their students' progress and get regular tips on home learning?	Yes □ No □	1116(d)(1) 1116(d)(2)(A and B)	Include parent-teacher conferences at least once a year in elementary schools, during which the compact will be discussed. Include follow-up steps to support families and students. Consult families on communication strategies that work best for them. Make communication do-able and user-friendly.
Format and Language	7 Ensure that the language and format of the compact are family friendly?	Yes □ No □	1116(f)	Work with families to identify and eliminate jargon and negative language. Engage families/staff with design skills to create an attractive final product. Translate the compact and other communications into families' first languages.

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