

# *The STEM Academy at Showalter*

*"Unlocking Young Minds for the Future"*

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## **STEM Academy at Showalter Parent Involvement Policy 2018-2019**

STEM Academy is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in this district. To this end, we want to establish partnerships with parents and with the community. Everyone gains if school and home work together to promote high achievement by our children. Neither home nor school can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. Parent support for their children and for the school is a critical component to their child's academic success.

STEM Academy recognizes that some students may need the extra assistance available through the Title 1 program to reach the state's high academic standards. STEM intends to include parents in all aspects of the school's Title 1 program. The goal is to develop a school-home partnership that will help all students in the district succeed.

### **Part 1- School Parent Involvement Plan Concepts**

- A- STEM Academy will jointly develop/revise with parents the school parent involvement policy and distribute it to parents of participating children and make available the parent involvement plan to the local community
- B- Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved.
- C- Offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meeting in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, child care, or home visits, such as services related to parental involvement.
- D- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in planning, review, and improvement of the school plan under Section 1112, school wide under Section 1114, and the process of the school review and improvement under Section 1116.
- E- Provide parents of participating children-
  - a. Timely information about programs under this part;
  - b. A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet; and
  - c. 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, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practically possible;
  - d. May arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation;
  - e. May adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement;
  - f. May establish a district parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in programs supported under this section;



- g. May develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities.

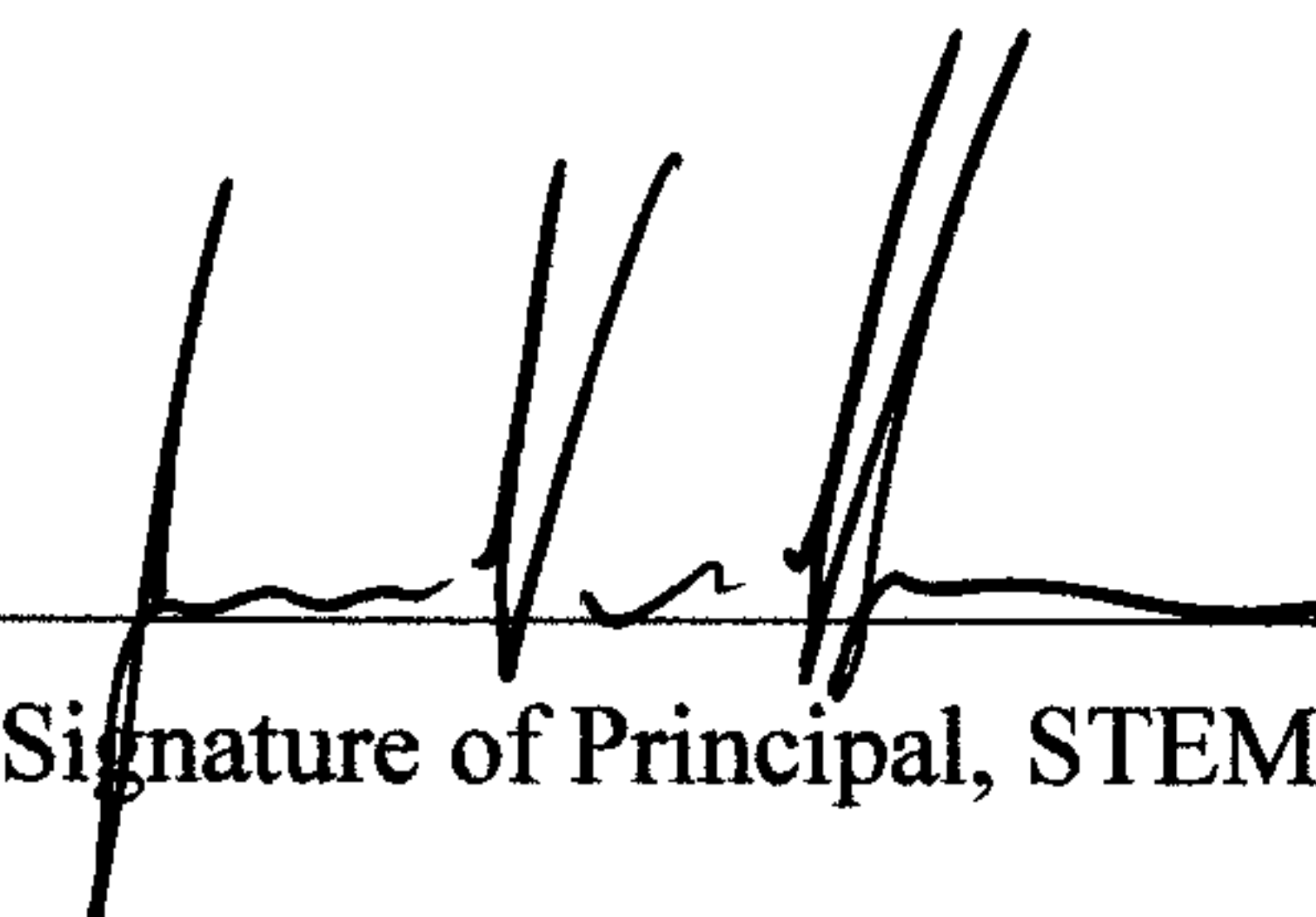
**PART II- Accessibility Requirements**

In carrying out the parent involvement requirements, districts and schools, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with Limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in a format and, to the extent practicable, in language such that parents can understand.

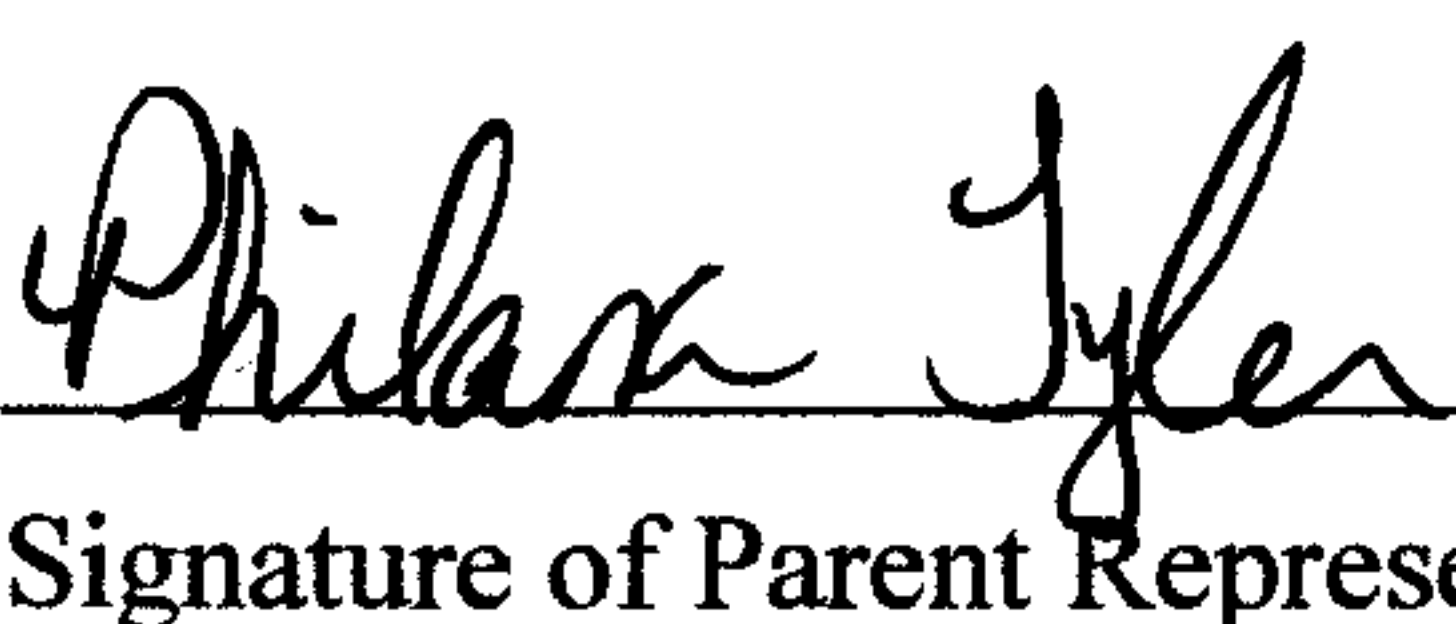
**Part III- Adoption**

This STEM Academy at Showalter's Parental Involvement Policy has been develop/revised jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I programs, as evidenced by meeting minutes.

The Parental Involvement Policy was developed/ revised by STEM Academy at Showalter on September 19, 2018 and will be in effect for the period of the school year. The school will distribute this plan to all parents of participating Title I children and make it available to the community on or before October 1, 2018.

  
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Signature of Principal, STEM Academy

9/20/18  
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Signature of Parent Representative, STEM Academy

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