

Section 9: The Parent Leadership Council (Rule 6A-6.0904, F.A.C.)

What type(s) of Parent Leadership Council (PLCs) exist in the LEA? (Check all that apply. Please provide links to agenda membership and meetings.)

- ☒ LEA Level
☐ School Level

Please address the functions and composition of the PLC:

The District Parent Leadership Committee (referred to in Broward County as the ESOL Parent Leadership Council) is composed mainly of parents of ELLs. There is a bimonthly meeting where parents are informed of all policies, rights and responsibilities pertaining to the education of their students. Different programs are highlighted in order to easily transition into the American School System. There is a portion of the meeting dedicated exclusively to having staff answer any questions related to their child in the program and to soliciting parents for Leadership Training. Using technology, meetings are translated concurrently into Spanish, Haitian- Creole and Portuguese.

From the ESOL Parent Leadership Council (PLC) there is an elected Board serving as the Steering Committee, which schedules monthly meetings. This is comprised of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. All parents involved in any subcommittees, or representing the total committee District wide, also form part of this Steering Committee. The function of this committee is to provide input on the educational needs of ELLs to the Director of ESOL and the District. A "Looping Policy" is in place where all new policies are required to go through the ESOL Leadership Council for input. They are an integral part in the development of the ELL District Plan.

The PLC is "composed in the majority of parents of limited English proficient students." If the PLCs in the LEA do not meet this condition, explain why and when compliance with the rule is expected.

Not applicable to Broward County Public Schools.

How does the LEA involve the PLC in other LEA committees?

The Bilingual/ESOL Department ensures the ESOL Parent Leadership Council (PLC) is appointed to district and school committees as requested by the Superintendent, Board Members, and other district departments. PLC members are included in committees such as Policy 6000.1 (Student Progression Plan), Calendar Committee, Code of Student Conduct, Attendance, and the Student Waiver Committee.

The ESOL Parent Leadership Council hosts bimonthly meetings for ELL parents on topics of current interest. The ESOL Parent Leadership Council (PLC) Steering Committee meets monthly with Bilingual/ESOL Department Administrators.

The Parent Outreach Specialist works collaboratively with the ESOL Parent Leadership Council and the Steering Committee to inform them of updates to Federal, State, and Local requirements.

How is the LEA PLC involved in the development of the District ELL Plan?

The ESOL Parent Leadership Council (PLC) is directly involved with the development of the District ELL Plan. Any proposed changes are discussed at length with the Steering Committee and shared at the general meetings to seek further input. The ESOL Parent Leadership Council Chair is responsible for signing off on the document.

The consultation with the parents starts as soon as the plan is being reviewed for changes. They, in turn, meet with the Department Administrators or Parent Outreach Specialist to go over these changes and to provide input. If there are questions or concerns, they are immediately addressed by the Administrators. The Council has a copy of the plan in their files for immediate access.

The ESOL Parent Leadership Council is consulted for the ELL Plan and any legislation, Board Policy or Committee report impacting the education of ELLs. They are widely respected in the community, the administration, the Superintendent and by Board Members. Their input is highly sought after and considered. They are active in the legislative process and in Policy review.

Does the LEA PLC approve of the District ELL Plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, please provide explanation for PLC's non-approval.