

California's local educational agencies (LEAs), and school districts, must develop and implement a plan to ensure that all students have access to a high-quality education. This requirement is based on the federal law, the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) 2001.

Note: LEA includes school districts, county offices of education, and independent charter schools.



What the California Department of Education MUST do:

1. Partner with other agencies and institutions to provide leadership and guidance to LEAs and schools in accord with Section 1118, Parental Involvement, of NCLB to enable parents to become strongly involved in their children's education.
2. Disseminate to LEAs and schools information about effective parental involvement practices that:
 - Make use of the most current professional research.
 - Foster high achievement by all students.
 - Lower the barriers to greater participation by parents in school planning and the process of review and improvement.
3. Provide parents with an easy-to-understand annual state report card regarding student achievement and the professional qualifications of instructional staff.
4. Review the progress of each LEA annually to determine:
 - If schools are making adequate yearly progress
 - If each LEA is carrying out its responsibilities regarding assessment, parental involvement, school improvement and support, and the qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals
5. Monitor compliance with Title I law, including review of the LEA's parental involvement policies and practices.



What local educational agencies MUST do:

1. Provide meaningful consultation with the parents of students served.
2. Plan and implement programs, activities, and procedures, as required under Title I, that involve parents in the education of their children.

