

Parent Involvement

- I. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's Title 1 Parent Involvement policy, plan and programs comply with the requirements of federal law.
 - A. The district will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district wide parental involvement plan:
 1. An annual meeting of parents of participating title 1 students shall be held to explain the goals and purposes of the Title 1 program. An annual meeting of Title 1 parents and other interested parents will be held in May of each year in the Title 1/Learning Assistance Program classroom. The Title 1/Learning Assistance Program coordinator will be responsible for scheduling and planning the meeting. The meeting will also include presentations on special education service and other federally-funded programs. All parents are welcomed to attend the meeting.
 2. Parents will be given the opportunity to participate in the development, operation and evaluation of the program. Parents are invited to contact the Title 1/Learning Assistance Program coordinator at any time during the year to make suggestions for the development, operation, and evaluation of the Title 1 program. Parents are encouraged to visit with the Title 1 coordinator during parent-teacher conferences in November and to attend the annual meeting in May. Parents are notified for these opportunities through letters, flyers, district newsletters, and district website.
 3. Parents will be encouraged to participate in planning activities, to offer suggestions, and to ask questions regarding policies and programs. Parents are invited to contact the Title 1/Learning Assistance Program coordinator at any time during the year to make suggestions for the development, operation, and evaluation of the Title 1 program. Parents are encouraged to visit with the Title 1 coordinator during parent-teacher conferences in November and to attend the annual meeting in May. Parents are notified for these opportunities through letters, flyers, district newsletters, and the district website.
 - B. The district will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement:
 1. Parents will be given the opportunity to review the school improvement plan. Parents are invited to contact the school at any time during the year to make suggestions for the development and evaluation of the school improvement plan. Parents are encouraged to visit with the staff during parent-teacher conferences in November and to attend the annual meeting in May. Parents are notified for these opportunities through letters, flyers, district newsletters, and the district website.
 2. Parents will be encouraged to participate in the building self-review.

Parents are invited to contact the school at any time during the year to make suggestions for the development and evaluation of the building self review. Parents are encouraged to visit with the staff during parent-teacher conferences in November and to attend the annual meeting in May. Parents are notified for these opportunities through letters, flyers, district newsletters, and the district website.

- C. The district will provide the following coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities:
1. Identify barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities;
 2. Use findings of the evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement; and
 3. Revise, when necessary, the district and school parent involvement policies.

- D. The district will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with similar strategies under the following other programs, such as:

- Learning Assistance Program;
- Special Education

The district shall facilitate removing barriers to parental involvement by activities such as:

1. Conducting joint parent meetings with other programs;
2. Holding meetings at various times of the day and evening;
3. Arranging for in home conferences;
4. Title I funds may be used to facilitate parent attendance at meetings by payment of transportation and child care costs.

- E. The district will conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy.

- F. The district will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement through the following:

1. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide information to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
 - The State's essential academic learning requirements,
 - The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
 - How to monitor their child's progress, and
 - How to work with educators. The district will assist parents through the district newsletters, the district website, parent-teacher conferences, and community meetings.
2. The school district will, with the assistance of its schools, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, by:
 - a. Giving guidance as to how parents can assist at home in the education of their child;
 - b. Holding parent meetings at various times of the day and evening to provide parents:
 - Opportunities to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children.
 - Opportunities to submit parent comments about the program to the district.
 - Opportunities to meet with the classroom and Title I, Part A teachers to discuss their children's progress.

- G. School district personnel will work with teachers, principals and other staff, to reach out to, communicate with, and engage parents as equal partners. The district will provide:
1. An explanation of the reasons supporting their child's selection for the program;
 2. A description and explanation of the school's curriculum;
 3. Information in the academic assessment used to measure student progress;
 4. Information on the proficiency levels students are expected to meet; and
- The district will notify parents of their student's selection for the Title 1 program and the reasons for the selection through a personal letter. Other information will be provided through district newsletters, parent-teacher conferences, and district website.
- H. The school district will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent- programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:
1. Distribute the Title 1 Family Involvement policy on an annual basis. The Title 1 Family Involvement Plan will be published in the student handbook that goes home to each family at the beginning of the year. It will also be published in a school newsletter and on the district website. In addition, it will be available during parent-teacher conferences; and
 2. To the extent needed and practicable, distribute the Title 1 Family Involvement policy in multiple languages or formats.

II. School-Based Parent Involvement Policy

- A. In addition to the district-wide policy on family involvement, each school offering Title I, Part A services will have a separate school building parent involvement policy.

The building-level Title I , Part A parent involvement policy will meet the following requirements: a) Each building in the district receiving Title 1, Part A funds shall jointly develop with and distribute to parents of students served in the program a written building-level policy, agreed upon by parents of Title I served students; b) The policy will outline how parents, school staff and students share responsibility for student achievement in meeting academic standards; c) Parents will be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format; d) To the extent practicable, the policy will be provided in a language the parents can understand; and e) The policy will be evaluated with parents annually.