

PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN TITLE IA

The Board endorses the parent involvement goals of Title IA and encourages the regular participation by parents/guardians in all aspects of the school system's Title IA programs.

For the purpose of this policy, "parents/guardians" includes other family members involved in supervising the child's schooling.

I. DISTRICT-LEVEL PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

In compliance with federal law, the school unit will develop and distribute to parents of children participating in the school system's Title IA programs a written district-level parent involvement policy.

Annually, parents/guardians will have opportunities to participate in the evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the school unit's parent involvement policy and in using the findings of the evaluation to design strategies for more effective parent involvement and to make revisions to the policy.

II. SCHOOL-PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

As required by law, each school in the school unit that receives Title IA funds shall jointly develop with parents/guardians of children served in the program a school parent/guardian involvement policy, including "School-Parent Compact" outlining the manner in which parents, school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement in meeting State standards. The school policy will be distributed to parents/guardians of children participating in the school's Title IA programs.

The "School-Parent Compact" shall:

- A. Describe the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling children in the Title IA program to meet the State's academic achievement standards;

B. Indicate the ways in which parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning, such as monitoring attendance, homework completion, monitoring television watching, volunteering in the classroom,

and participating, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education and positive use of extra-curricular time; and

C. Address the importance of parent-teacher communication on an ongoing basis, with, at a minimum, parent-teacher conferences, frequent reports to parents, and reasonable access to staff.

III. PARENT INVOLVEMENT MEETINGS

Each school receiving Title IA funds shall convene an annual meeting to which all parents/guardians of eligible children shall be invited to inform them about the school's participation in Title IA and to involve them in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title IA programs and the parent involvement policy.

These meetings shall be used to provide parents with:

- A. Information about programs the school provides under Title IA;
- 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 level students are expected to meet;
- C. Opportunities to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children; and
- D. The opportunity to submit comments to the district level if they are dissatisfied with the school-wide Title IA program.

IV. PARENT RELATIONS

Parents/guardians of children identified for participation in a Title IA program shall receive, from the building principal and Title IA staff, an explanation of the reasons supporting their child's selection, a set of objectives to be addressed, and a description of the services to be provided. Parents will receive regular reports on their child's progress and be provided opportunities to meet with the classroom and Title IA teachers. Parents will also receive training, materials, and suggestions as to how they can assist in the education of their children at home.

V. DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Superintendent/designee shall be responsible for ensuring that the school unit's Title IA plan, programs, and parent involvement policies comply with applicable law and regulations and for developing administrative procedures, as needed, to implement this policy.

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