

## **District Title I Parent Involvement Policy**

The District endorses the parent involvement goals of Title I and encourages the regular participation of parents of Title I eligible children in all aspects of the program. The education of children is viewed as a cooperative effort among the parents, school, and community. The District is committed to providing coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student achievement and school performance.

In this policy the word "parent" also includes guardians and other family members involved in supervising the child's schools.

Pursuant to federal law the District will develop jointly with, agree upon with, and distribute to parents of children participating in the Title I program a written parent involvement policy. Parents with limited English proficiency or disabilities will be provided the necessary resources (including, but not limited to: appropriate language information, interpreters, or other accommodations) to provide full opportunities for participation.

District Title I schools shall convene an annual meeting to which all parents of students in a school-wide program and participating students in a targeted assistance program are invited to inform parents of their school's participation in Title I and to explain Title I requirements and the right of parents to be involved.

In addition to the required annual meeting, additional meetings shall be held at various times of the day and/or evening for parents of children participating in the Title I program. These meetings shall be used to provide parents with:

1. Information about programs provided under Title I;
2. A description and explanation of the curriculum in use, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet;
3. Opportunities to discuss their child's progress and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children;
4. Guidance as to how they can assist at home in the education of their children.

Parents and patrons shall be represented on committees which contribute to the process:

- 1) of school review and improvement;
- 2) an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the district parent involvement policy; and the LEA Consolidated Plan. (This shall also include the District Curriculum Advisory Committee and Professional Development Committee.) Title I funding, if sufficient, may be used to facilitate parent attendance at meetings, through payment of transportation and childcare costs.

Each school in the District receiving Title I funds shall develop jointly with parents of children served in the program a "School-Parent Compact" outlining the manner in which parents, school

staff, and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement in meeting state standards. The "School-Parent Compact" shall:

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

2. Indicate the ways in which each parent will be responsible for supporting their child's learning, such as monitoring attendance, homework completion, and television watching; volunteering in the classroom; and participating, as appropriate, in decisions related to their child's education and positive use of extracurricular time; and

3. 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.