

STEPHENSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parental Involvement Policy

A positive, productive interaction between the home, the school and the community is imperative for the continued success of the school-wide program at Stephenville Elementary. The Stephenville Elementary staff through the Title I Parental Involvement Program is dedicated to offering parents a variety of opportunities to know their school, the Title I Program, the staff at Stephenville Elementary and opportunities to get involved in their child's school.

The staff at Stephenville Elementary is committed to working with families in a parental involvement program that:

1. Recognizes that all parents are a significant force in their child's education
2. Keeps parents informed about what is happening in the Title I school-wide program
3. Offers to parents a variety of parent programs, workshops, and resource materials
4. Maintains an open door policy to parents while maintaining uninterrupted instructional time
5. Keeps parents informed pertaining to school and student accountability and overall school and student performance

Objectives:

1. To keep the parents of students informed about the services provided to students and their families
2. To encourage greater active participation by parents in their child's education
3. To continue to improve the services provided by the Title I school-wide program as a result of frequent communication and input from parents
4. To keep parents informed pertaining to notification when a student has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher who is not highly qualified
5. To convene an annual meeting, at a time convenient for parents to inform them of their school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in those programs. In order to keep parents informed, schools must offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening so that as many parents as possible are able to attend.
6. During the annual school meeting, parents will be made aware of all curricular programs, assessments and supporting services available to students.

Activities:

1. Conduct an annual Open House for all parents
2. Conduct two annual parent-teacher conference days in which parents can meet with their child's teacher to discuss student progress
3. The school, will conduct school based parent meetings and workshops addressing the needs identified by parents and/or school personnel
4. The Stephenville Elementary School Handbook will be prepared and made available to all parents of students enrolled in the school.
5. Conduct a minimum of four school-wide parental involvement meetings per year
6. Pre-K will conduct at least two parental involvement meetings per year
7. Parental input will be solicited regarding the types of workshops or inservices needed
8. Encourage parent participation in scheduled parent/teacher conferences
9. Continually search for effective, innovative methods of promoting, encouraging, and improving parental involvement activities