

Nooksack Valley School District Parent Involvement Policy Procedures

- I. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's Title I 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 I students shall be held to explain the goals and purposes of the Title I program. **This meeting will be held in the Fall of each school year at each of the District's Title I schools facilitated by each building principal under the direction of the Title I director.**
 2. Parents will be given the opportunity to participate in the development, operation and evaluation of the program. **Teacher assistance team meetings (which include parents), parent phone calls, informal parent/teacher contacts, principal/parent meetings are just a few options that provide parents ways to participate in their child's program.**
Parents will be encouraged to participate in planning activities, to offer suggestions, and to ask questions regarding policies and programs. **Regular principal/parent meetings, informal contacts with teachers and school board meetings are just a few options that provide parents ways to participate and offer input into their child's program.**
 - 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 every **fall and spring.**
 2. Parents will be encouraged to give feedback about the operation and effectiveness of the school and its programs **at regular parent meetings and annual conference time surveys.**
 - 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 and review them annually.
 - D. The district will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with similar strategies under the following other programs: Head Start; State Transitional Bilingual; Migrant; Learning Assistance Program; Special Education; and Indian 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 when necessary, appropriate and/or desired;

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. This will be conducted in January of each year.
- 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.Information will be provided through (but not limited to) open house opportunities, school events, conferences, newsletters, Indian Education and Migrant Home Visitors, parent literacy nights, district family services personnel, parent/teacher organizations and principal/teacher parent 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. A description and explanation of the school's curriculum;
 2. Information in the academic assessment used to measure student progress;Information on the proficiency levels students are expected to meet; Information will be provided through (but not limited to) open house opportunities, school events, conferences, newsletters, Indian Education and Migrant Home Visitors, parent literacy nights, district family services personnel, parent/teacher organizations and principal/teacher parent meetings.

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 this Title I Family Involvement policy 2180 on an annual basis on our website and in the district calendar.
2. To the extent needed and practicable, distribute the Title I 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. **It will be distributed in September of each school year;**
 - 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.

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