

Loogootee Community School Corporation Title I Parent Involvement Policy

PART I. General Expectations

The Loogootee Community School Corporation agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school district will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- Consistent with section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- The school district will incorporate this district wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school district and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the State Department of Education.
- The school district will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- The school district will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

(A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;

(B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;

(C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;

(D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

PART II. Description of How District Will Implement Required District Wide Parental Involvement Policy Components

1. The Loogootee Community School Corporation will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district wide parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA:
 - Survey parents
 - Invite parents to participate in a Parent Involvement Planning committee
2. The Loogootee Community School Corporation will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:
 - Survey parents
 - Invite parents to become members of the School Improvement Plan committee
3. The Loogootee Community School Corporation will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:
 - Provide facilities and supplies to conduct Parent Involvement Meetings
 - Provide resources to buy books and materials
4. The Loogootee Community School Corporation will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs: Head Start and local preschool agencies.
 - Kindergarten teachers are involved in preschool Special Education Case Conference Committee meetings for incoming Kindergarten students to plan for instruction and support.
 - Kindergarten teachers attend informational meetings held for incoming Head Start students.
 - Kindergarten teachers are available to participate in preschool parent nights and provide information on expectations for incoming Kindergarten students.
5. The Loogootee Community School Corporation will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental

involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.

- Title I staff, along with any parent volunteers, will distribute surveys to all Title I parents.
- Title I staff will make arrangements to survey any LEP or limited literacy parent orally so that their input may be incorporated.
- Survey results will be used by Title I staff to make necessary adjustments to the Title I program to improve services.

6. The Loogootee Community School Corporation will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

A. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph --

- the State's academic content standards,
- the State's student academic achievement standards,
- the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- the requirements of Part A,
- how to monitor their child's progress, and
- how to work with educators:

Title I staff will explain academic standards and assessments at the annual Parent Meeting. Parents will also be given information on how to help their child with homework and reading instruction. Title I staff meet with parents during Parent Teacher conferences, and are available to meet with parents as necessary.

B. 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.

- Title I students have access to the Title I library. Students take books home each evening to practice reading and to complete comprehension activities.
- Literacy training is provided through the local S.O.A.R. program to any parent wishing to participate.
- Parents are given a folder during Parent Night with instructions on methods used to help their child with reading.
- Parents who have internet access may enroll in the corporation Family Access program. Parents may view their child's grades, attendance, etc. through this program and may e-mail staff members with questions as necessary.
- Parents are invited to attend the annual Parents As Partners conference on the campus of Vincennes University. Transportation is provided and all registration fees are paid by Title I.

C. The school district will, with the assistance of its schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate

with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

- Corporation will provide training as necessary.
- D. The school district will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:
- See #4 on page 2.
 - Title I program maintains a parent resource center where students and parents may check out materials to support the education of their children.
- E. 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:
- Title I staff send parent notes and newsletters home as needed.
 - Title I staff contact parents by phone as necessary.