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## **Catawba Elementary Parent Engagement Policy**

Catawba Elementary School Staff, in collaboration with our Title I Parent Advisory Board, has jointly developed and agreed upon this Title I Parent Engagement Policy.

**Mission Statement:** It is our goal to create a positive and nurturing environment that increases parental involvement and our partnership in education in order to improve student success according to school, district, and state academic standards.

Catawba Elementary School Title I Advisory Council consists of Title I staff, teachers, parents of Title I students, and school administration. Our council annually updates the Parent Engagement Policy by utilizing the information given by our Title I parents. This working document is available for both parents and community to review, and a hard copy is distributed to all parents of our Title I students.

This policy was devised by adhering to all Title I requirements and is a working document. Title I funds are used, if needed, to provide parents with services and opportunities to attend our meetings and workshops. These Title I funds will help provide our parents with materials and incentives.

### **I. School Parent Engagement Meetings**

- Twice a year informational meetings will be held to inform and solicit ideas for school improvement.
- PAC Policy will be revised and approved for the following year during the end of year meeting.

Catawba Elementary School will meet to hold open discussions of school business and review our PAC Policy when necessary. Parents will have the opportunity to provide feedback from learning nights and other Title I events and determine changes needed for our Involvement Policy and Home and School Compact for the following year.

### **II. Parent Annual Meeting for Discussion and Sharing Information**

- School State Report Card information
- Explanation of parent's rights
- Explanation of Title I requirements and guidelines
- Home / School Compact
- Needs Assessment Survey
- Any other information pertinent to Title I

### **III. Ongoing Communication Process for Parents' Knowledge**

We will communicate Title I information with parents in an understandable and uniform format.

- Catawba Elementary School's website
- Parent Square
- Newsletters - class and school level
- Annual Parent Information brochure
- Letters home via: mail, email, or report card with translations as needed
- Newspaper Articles
- PowerSchool Parent Module
- FaceBook Account

### **IV. Providing Materials and Training for Parents**

- Academic-based learning sessions (virtual)
- Parenting workshops (virtual)
- Other as determined by the Parent Advisory Council and Building Leadership Team

### **V. Solicit/integrate parent involvement strategies with local agencies, schools & programs**

- Catawba County Schools Professional Development Programs
- Academic and Behavior Awards
- Partnership with Town of Catawba
- Career Day
- Community Reading Volunteers

### **VI. Foster strong and productive parental engagement**

- Various and flexible meeting times throughout the year-virtual & Face-to-Face (PAC bi-annually & PTO-monthly)
- Parent workshops on various topics
- Provide take home materials and supplies to support learning
- Provide childcare during meetings when needed

### **VII. Parents, through Catawba's support will be encouraged to improve and enhance their skills and gain information**

- Attend and participate in workshops
- Attend Report Card conferences
- Attend the Annual Title I Meeting
- Attend the virtual school wide meetings during the year
- Read letters, newsletters, website, and all other communicative pieces
- Communicate with the Title I Parent Advisory Council

This Title I Parent Engagement Policy was devised in compliance with Title I regulations and guidelines. The overall goal of our Parent Policy is to actively engage our parents, in a collaborative effort with our staff and community members, in the academic process and programs of our school for the sole purpose of improving student achievement.