

*Title I Parent Involvement Policy
Sussex Central High School*

A strong partnership between the school and home is essential if a quality educational program is to be provided to all students. The Sussex Central High School is dedicated to the philosophy that parent involvement is integral to the success of each child. The district and schools will work with parents/caregivers to establish regular, two-way meaningful communication to ensure that:

- *parents/caregivers play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- *parents/caregivers are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school; and*
- *parents/caregivers 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*

Parent involvement may be defined as, but is not limited to: parenting, communicating, learning and home, volunteering, decision-making, and collaborating with the community.

Sussex Central High School will continue to build its capacity for strong parental involvement. The School will support a partnership between its faculty, parents/caregivers, and the community to improve student academic achievement and school performance.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Sussex Central High School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

1. Sussex Central High School will put into operation programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents 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. These programs will provide assistance to parents/caregivers, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
 - *the State's academic content standards,*
 - *the District's curriculum that aligns with the content standards,*
 - *the state and local academic assessments,*
 - *how to monitor their child's progress, and*
 - *other topics related to helping parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, or other topics as parents may request.*

Information will be shared in a variety of ways to include but not limited to:

- Open Houses
 - Teachers and administrators serving as liaisons for parent involvement, teacher quality, and student achievement
 - School Based Parent Information Nights
 - Alert Now – parent information phone system
 - Social Media
2. In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the School 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. Communication will be made available in a number of ways to include the following:
 - District Newsletters
 - Alert Now Phone Calls
 - School/District websites
 - Social Media

3. Sussex Central High School will, with the assistance of its faculty 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:
 - School/District Wide Open Houses
 - School/District Scheduled Staff Professional Development
 - District Visiting Teacher Support
 - School Counselor Training and Support
 - Instructional Coach Training and Support
 - Title One Student Liaison
 - Parent Involvement Nights
4. To the extent feasible and appropriate, the district will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with The Parent Information Center, and conduct other activities that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:
 - Inviting parent organizations, such as PIC, to present at school based Parent Nights
 - Disseminate approved materials from parenting organizations through Peachjar
 - Invite parent organizations to display materials and answer questions at school family nights
 - Share links to local parent support organizations on school website.
5. Sussex Central High School will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the one 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.
6. An annual review of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy, with the involvement of parents, will be conducted. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parent 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 and the 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. This review will be accomplished through the following:
 - School Based Planning Teams
 - Distribution of School and District Parental Involvement Plans for Comment
 - The establishment of a School/District Parent Advisory Council
 - Review of Title One Student Liaison Data
7. 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 Delaware Department of Education.
8. The Indian River School District will incorporate this district wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA.

School Parent Involvement Policies

Sussex Central High School, along with parent input, will create and revise annually, a Parent Involvement Policy. This policy will provide parents with the description of how each school will implement the required policy components. The School Parent Involvement Policy and the School-Parent Compact will be distributed to parents at the beginning of each school year and will be available on the schools' websites.