Lyle Creek Elementary School

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Lyle Creek Elementary Parent Engagement Policy

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

Lyle Creek 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.

Lyle Creek Elementary School understands that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents and families in regular, two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, which helps ensure that:

- Parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- Parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education
- Parents and families 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

I. School Parent Involvement Meetings

• Biannual informational meetings, inviting all parents of participating children, will be held to inform and solicit ideas for school improvement, inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents' requirements, the school parental involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact.

• PAC Policy will be revised and approved for the following year during the final meeting.

Lyle Creek 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

- Parent Engagement Policy
- School State Report Card information
- Explanation of parent's rights
- Explanation of Title I requirements and guidelines
- Home and 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.

- Lyle Creek Elementary website: <u>https://lylecreek.catawbaschools.net/</u>
- Parent Square- telephone, email, and/or text system
- Newsletters- school and classroom level
- Annual Parent Information/Curriculum Night
- Letters home via: mail, email, or report card with translations as needed
- Positive phone calls/communication to each student
- PowerSchool Parent Module
- FaceBook Account
- Availability of a Spanish-speaking and Hmong speaking staff members to translate as needed

IV. Providing Materials and Training for Parents

- Academic based learning nights
- 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
- Parent/Grandparent Days
- Parent Volunteers
- Veteran's Day
- Popsicles with the Principal
- Fall/Spring carnival

VI. Foster strong and productive parental involvement

- Various and flexible meeting times throughout the year (PAC bi-annually & PTO-monthly)
- Provide take home materials and supplies to support learning
- Use of ParentSquare to regularly communicate with families

VII. Parents, through Lyle Creek's support, will be encouraged to improve and enhance their skills and gain information

- Curriculum Nights
- Attend conferences
- Attend the Annual Title I Meeting
- Attend the school wide meetings during the year
- Read letters, newsletters, website, and all other communications
- 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.

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