



## ***Steelton-Highspire School District***

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### **2020-2021 Elementary School Title I School-Wide Parental Engagement Policy**

Steelton-Highspire Elementary School agrees to implement the following policy to encourage and promote meaningful parent involvement:

1. Steelton-Highspire Elementary School will take the following actions to actively involve parents in the joint development of its school parental involvement policy:
  - Plan Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings
  - Plan and implement Meet the Teacher Nights, as well as multiple conference sessions
  - Utilize School Social Worker and Parent Engagement Coordinators to communicate with parents who are unable to come to school functions.
  - Encourage all staff members to actively communicate with parents as a means for academic and behavioral interventions.
2. The parental involvement policy will be distributed and made available to the local community by:
  - Distribution at the beginning of each school year and with each new enrollment
  - Distribution in the main office to any school stakeholders or community members
3. Steelton-Highspire Elementary School will convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents shall be invited and encouraged to attend to inform parents of their school's Title I participation, including the rights of parents to be involved. This will be accomplished by:
  - On or before November 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year
4. Steelton-Highspire Elementary School will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under ESSA, which includes the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I school wide program and activities:
  - Organize a committee of parent volunteers to work in conjunction with school administrators.
5. Steelton-Highspire Elementary School will implement the following effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:
  - Open lines of communication with all parents
  - Open houses and conferences for parents to meet with teachers
  - Family Nights to bring families into the school building together
    - Content area activities for families
  - Rotated times for parent involvement events (morning, afternoon, evening)
6. Steelton-Highspire Elementary School will take the following actions to conduct, with parental involvement, an annual evaluations of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of the school. 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). Steelton-Highspire Elementary School will use the findings of the valuation 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.
  - An announced meeting for all parents on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to analyze the effectiveness of the parental involvement programs and begin to plan for the following year.



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7. Steelton-Highspire Elementary School will build its capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:
  - A. Steelton-Highspire Elementary School will provide assistance to parents of children served, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph—
    - school/district curriculum and the Pennsylvania Academic Standards,
    - information on proficiency levels students are expected to meet,
    - the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) and the Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment (PASA)
    - the requirements of Title I Part A,
    - how to monitor their child’s progress, and
    - how to work with educatorsSuch assistance may include the following activities:
    - Seminars offered to aid parents in the understanding of new educational standards and initiatives
  - B. Steelton-Highspire Elementary School will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children’s academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement through:
    - Seminars offered to aid parents in the understanding of new educational standards and initiatives
  - C. Steelton-Highspire Elementary School will educate its 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.
  - D. Steelton-Highspire Elementary School 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 inform format, including alternative formats upon request, and to the extent practicable in a language the parents can understand.
    - All materials will be sent home in both English and Spanish
    - Robo-call will be used to call all homes to inform parents of upcoming meetings
    - Monthly Activities Calendar
8. Steelton-Highspire Elementary School will revise, jointly with parents, its school-parent compact, which is a written agreement between the school and the parents that identifies the activities that parents, the entire school staff, and students will undertake to share responsibility for improved student academic achievement. The school-parent compact will be reviewed and revised, if necessary, every two years.

This School Wide Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of the Steelton-Highspire Elementary School children and will be in effect for the 2019-2020 school years. Steelton-Highspire Elementary School will distribute this policy to all parents on or before November 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year and review the document annually.