

## TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

The Belfast Central School District is committed to a Parental Involvement Policy in the Title I Program and adheres to regulations stated in section 1118 (c-f) of the Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Belfast Central School will involve parents in the joint development of this plan by:

1. inviting Title I parents to be part of each school improvement committee with the given task of developing individual School Improvement Plans showing an alignment with Title I and parent involvement requirements and procedures.
2. convening district Parent Advisory Council meetings and school annual meetings to inform parents of their school's participation in the development of the Parent Involvement Plan and their right to be involved.

Belfast Central will provide coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement programs by:

1. conducting ongoing site visits.
2. providing materials and training not otherwise available to help parents with their child's achievement.
3. educating teacher, pupil services personnel, principals, and staff on how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners.
4. ensuring, to the extent possible, that information is sent home in language and form parents can understand.
5. arranging for in-home conferences if necessary.
6. providing information on literacy training available in the community.
7. ensuring school-parent compacts are being used to outline responsibilities of the school staff, parents, and students in striving to raise student achievement and explain how an effective home-school partnership will be developed.

Belfast Central will build the school's capacity for strong parental involvement by:

1. providing assistance to participating parents in such areas as understanding the National Education Goals and the New York State Learning Standards.
2. encouraging the formation of partnerships between schools and local businesses that include a role for parents.
3. providing resources for parents to learn about child development and child rearing issues that are designed to help parents become full partners in the education of their children.
4. involving parents through an annual survey in the development of teacher training to improve the effectiveness of instruction and services to participating children.
5. approving reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.

6. encouraging meetings at a variety of times, such as mornings and evenings, in order to maximize the opportunities for parents to participate in school-related activities.
7. providing any reasonable support for parental involvement activities at the request of participating Title I parents.
8. conducting district wide Parent Advisory Council meetings.
9. providing information about the availability of federally funded Parent Information and Resource Centers (PIRSs).

Belfast Central will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with programs (when applicable) such as Head Start and District preschool programs by:

1. reviewing school curriculum council meeting minutes for the integration and coordination of parent involvement activities.
2. coordinating with all departments to enhance the integration of parental involvement strategies with pre-school programs in the community.

Belfast Central School will conduct with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement plan as it relates to

\*increased academic quality

\*strategies for increasing participation and

\*identifying barriers to greater parent participation by:

1. distributing an annual survey to solicit such information of all participating Title I parents, Title I teachers, administrators, classroom teachers, and guidance personnel.
2. inviting participating Title I parents to an annual District meeting to review and discuss parental involvement effectiveness and identify barriers to greater parent participation.
3. conducting regular meetings of the District Parent Advisory Council, with parent representatives from each eligible Title I School.

The Belfast Central School District will use the findings for the evaluation by combining the data from the surveys and the minutes from the District annual meeting in order to:

1. make recommendations to each participating school for parent involvement plan revisions.
2. provide suggestions for designing school improvement plans, as they relate to parent involvement.

Belfast Central School will ensure that one percent (1%) of the total District Title I allocation will be used to implement Parent Involvement plans and procedures.