

KBB: Title I & School Parental Involvement Policy

Part I. District Expectations

The Divide County School District recognizes the critical role of parents in the education of their children and in the schools. Parent and family participation in schools is vital to student achievement. Therefore, the Divide County School District will involve parents and families in the education of students.

The Divide County School District agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school district will put into operation programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I programs. Those programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- The school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school -leveled policy parental involvement policies meet the Title I requirements, and include, as a component, a school-parent compact.
- The school district will incorporate this district-wide parental involvement policy in to its district plan.
- In carrying out the Title I parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school district and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the district plan for title I 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 Department of Public Instruction.
- The school district will involve the parents of children served in Title I schools in decisions about how the one percent of Title I 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. (Only applicable for districts with Title I allocations greater than \$500,000.)
- The school district will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring-

- (A) *that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- (B) *that parents are encouraged to be encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*
- (C) *that parents 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; and*
- (D) *the carry out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.*

- The school district will inform parents and parental organizations of the purpose and existence of the Parental Information and Resource Center in North Dakota (I.e., NDPASS in Minot, ND).

Part II. District Parental Involvement Policy Required Components

1. The Divide County School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district parental involvement plan: (List actions)
2. The Divide County School District will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance: (List Activities)
3. The Divide County School District will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

A. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I schools, aid parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph-

- The state's academic content standards,
- The state's student academic achievement standards,
- The state and local academic assessments including alternative assessments,
- The requirements of Title I,
- How to monitor their child's progress, and
- How to work with educators.

(List activities. Such as workshops. conferences. classes. Including any equipment or other materials that may be necessary to ensure success)

B. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I 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, by:

(List activities)

- C. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I schools 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:

(List activities)

- D. The school district will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:

(List activities)

- E. The school district will take the following actions to ensure that title I information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

(List actions)

4. The Divide County School District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies under the following other programs: Head Start, Reading First, and Even Start, by:

(List Activities)

5. The Divide County School District will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I schools. 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). The school 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 involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.

(List actions, such as describing how the evaluation will be conducted, identifying who will be responsible for conducting it, and explaining what role parents will play)

6. The Divide County School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement:

(List activities)

Part III. Discretionary District Parental Involvement Policy Components

The District Parental Involvement Policy includes the following discretionary activities that the school district, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school and school system to support their children's academic achievement, such as:

- Two scheduled parent/ teacher conferences each year: Fall and Spring,
- Mid-term student progress reports sent home to parents,
- Open door policy for parent visits to the schools,

(List additional activities)

Part IV. School Parental Involvement Policy Requirements

Title I regulations require that each school served under Title I jointly develop with and distribute to parents of participating children, a written parental involvement policy agreed on by the parents that describes the following requirements as listed below and outlined in Title I law:

C. POLICY INVOLVEMENT

Each School served under this part shall-
See Sheet X & Y

1. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved;
2. Offer a flexible number of meetings such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement;
3. Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school parental improvement policy;
4. Provide parents of participating children-
 - i. Timely information about programs under this part;
 - ii. A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels

students are expected to meet; and

- iii. If requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practically possible.
5. If the school wide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.

D. SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

As a component of the school-level parental involvement policy, each school shall jointly develop with parents for all children served under this part a school- parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

E. BUILDING CAPACITY FOR INVOLVEMENT

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, each school and local educational agency assisted under this part-

1. Shall aid the parents of children served by the school or local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the State's academic achievement standards, State and Local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children;
2. Shall provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement;
3. Shall educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school;
4. Shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, the Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children;
5. Shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand;
6. May involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training;

7. May provide necessary literacy training from funds received under this part if the district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training;
8. May pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs to enable parents to participate in school - related meetings and training sessions;
9. May train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;
10. May arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers and other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation;
11. May adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement;
12. May establish a district parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement activities; and
13. May develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities; and
14. Shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this as parents may request.

F. ACCESSIBILITY

In carrying out the parental involvement requirements of this part, districts and schools, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents can understand.

Part V. Adoption

This District Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I programs, as evidenced by meetings minutes.

This policy was adopted by the Divide County School District on 12/13/2005 and will be in effect for the period of school year. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I children on or before date.

**Divide County
School District**

**POLICY ADOPTED: 9/14/2010
POLICY REAFFIRMED:**