

Parent Involvement Policy in Title I Funded Schools

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians from throughout the district's ethnically diverse population serve as an invaluable resource in the process of educating children. The Board believes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by family and school. To ensure a collaborative partnership, the Board, administration and the staff are committed to providing parent involvement activities which are of sufficient size, scope and quality to promote an effective home-school partnership by:

1. Involving parents/guardians in the joint development of the district's Title I plan for providing programs that increase the academic quality of schools and including parents in the process of school review and improvement;
2. Consulting on an ongoing basis with parents/guardians concerning the manner in which the school and parents/guardians can work together to identify objectives plan, design, implement, and evaluate school programs to ensure student academic achievement and school performance;
3. Providing the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist schools in planning and implementing effective parent/family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance; at least 1 percent of the district's Title I, Part A funds will be reserved for parental involvement and 95% of those funds will be distributed to schools to be used for their parental involvement programs;
4. Supporting the efforts of parents/guardians in working with their children to understand/attain the State Academic Content and Performance Standards, assessments being used, the requirements of Title I, Part A, and the monitoring of their children's progress and work with teachers to improvement achievement;
5. Building parent capacity for meaningful parental involvement and providing opportunities to help parents/guardians strengthen their parenting and literacy skills to foster conditions at home that affect children's effort in learning;
6. Ensuring 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 the parents can understand; when 15 percent or more of the student population at the district or school site speak a single primary language other than English, all notices, reports, statements, or records sent to a parent/guardian of any such student by the school or school district, are in addition to being written in English, written in the primary language(s);

7. Informing parents/guardians of participating children of the (a) reasons their children are participating in the program(s), (b) specific instructional objectives and methods of the program(s), and (c) the academic performance of their child's school and of the options they have to ensure appropriate educational placement of their student.
8. Training parents/guardians and teachers to build a partnership between home and school to increase student achievement and promote effective two-way communication in a language all parents can understand; providing School-Home Compacts that set out the respective responsibilities of the school staff, parents and students in striving to raise student achievement;
9. Encouraging parents/guardians to assume school and district leadership roles in governance, advisory, and advocacy decision-making processes; providing parents with an opportunity to submit dissenting views to the district if a school's parent involvement guideline or Single Plan for Student Achievement are not acceptable to them.
10. Providing professional development for teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, with the assistance of parent input, on ways to reach out to, communicate with and implement parent programs that build partnerships between parents and the schools;
11. Involving parents/guardians in annual evaluations of the content, effectiveness, and relevance of the District's Parent Involvement Policy and Parent Involvement Guidelines at the school site level in improving the academic quality of the schools, including identifying barriers to greater student achievement and using the findings of such evaluations to design strategies for more effective involvement of parents and families;
12. Coordinating and integrating parental involvement programs with the district's Child Development Centers (CDC), Head Start, and other preschool programs that encourage parent participation, seamless transitions and greater success of preschoolers;
13. Coordinating and maintaining Parent Resource Centers (as budget allows) that provide literacy training, home-learning activities, and the guidance parents need to support their child's academic success;
14. Helping parents/guardians acquire needed services through identified school district and community resources; providing other reasonable support for parent involvement activities as parents may request;
15. Establishing a district parent advisory council (DCAC) with representatives from each school, to provide advice or input on matters related to parent involvement, allotted Title I funds at the school site level and awareness of funded programs;

Legal References

EDUCATION CODE
11500-11506 Programs to encourage parent involvement
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6301 Program purpose
6318 Parent involvement

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