

Board Policy

Code No. 505.8

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parental involvement is an important component in a student's success in school. The board encourages parents to become involved in their child's education to ensure the child's academic success, appropriate student behavior, and regular school attendance. The Superintendent, with assistance from professional staff, will:

1. Involve parents in the planning, development, and evaluation of the Title I plan through the District School Improvement Citizens' Advisory Council, annually review the Title I achievement results, and annually approve the Title I plan for the following year.
2. Provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance through the district Title I Coordinator. The Title I Coordinator will work in collaboration with each Title I building principal and staff through the site's School Improvement Team and with the district's Student Services Program Leader.
3. Build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement by developing Parent-School Compacts to strengthen communication between the home and school:
 - By providing annual meetings in Title I buildings to explain Title I to parents;
 - By training parents in how to help their children at home;
 - By sharing district standards, benchmarks, and assessments to parents and explaining to them how to help monitor the progress of their children; and
 - By providing parent resource centers at each site.
4. Coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies under Title I with other programs, including Head Start, Outreach Program, instructional support services, etc.
5. Coordinate an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of parent involvement activities in increasing participation of parents and whether there are barriers to greater participation; the evaluation may be conducted through a written survey, a telephone survey or in person. The results of the survey will be used by the District School Improvement Council to guide overall program efforts, to recommend strategies for school improvement, and to revise the district parent involvement policy.
6. Offer opportunities for parents to visit their child's classes and attend other school-based meetings and events.

The board will review this policy annually. The superintendent is responsible for notifying parents of this policy annually or within a reasonable time after it has been amended during the school year. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy.

Legal Reference: No Child Left Behind, Title I, Sec. 1118, P.L. 107-110 (2002).

Cross Reference: 903.2 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers

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