

Parent Involvement in Title I Education

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of having parents involved in the educational programs of their children. Since current research indicates that a home/school partnership and greater involvement of parents in the education of their children generally result in higher achievement scores, improved student behavior, and reduced absenteeism, parents of students enrolled in the district's Title I program shall be encouraged to take an active role in the education of their children.

Pursuant to federal law, the district and the parents of students participating in Title I district programs have jointly developed the following parent involvement policy. The policy shall be implemented by the superintendent or designee according to the timeline set forth in the policy and incorporated into the district's Title I plan.

The Goal of Parental Involvement Shall be:

Involvement With Title I Planning

The district shall hold an annual meeting for parents of students in Title I programs, as well as school Title I staff, principals of schools receiving Title I funds and other interested persons to discuss the Title I program plan, review implementation of the Title I plan, discuss how Title I funds allotted for parent involvement activities shall be used, and invite suggestions for improvement.

District Support for Parent Involvement

The district shall provide coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist participating schools in building the capacity for strong parent involvement to improve student academic achievement and school performance.

Coordination of parent involvement activities with other district programs

The district 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 district 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 students.

Student learning

The district shall coordinate and integrate Title I parental involvement strategies with those of other educational programs in the district. The purpose of this coordination shall be to improve the academic quality of the schools served, including identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in activities authorized by law, particularly by parents who:

- are economically disadvantaged
- have disabilities
- have limited English proficiency
- have limited literacy
- are of any racial or ethnic minority background
- are parents of migratory children

The district shall provide to parents, as appropriate, information to help them understand the state's academic content and achievement standards, state and local academic assessments, the requirements of Title I, how to monitor students' academic progress and how to work with school staff to improve the achievement of students. The district shall develop written materials and training for staff to help parents work with students to improve student achievement.

School-based parent involvement activities

- Creating a Parent Advisory Committee in each Title I building
- Encouraging Title I buildings to open the library/media center in the evenings to parents for participation in classes at the building level
- Encouraging community-based resources to come into the buildings to facilitate parent access

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Method of communicating with parents

All information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities shall be sent to parents in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

Annual evaluation

The district shall conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this policy. Effectiveness shall be measured in part by improvements in student academic achievement and in school performance. The evaluation shall specifically address barriers to greater participation by parents in activities authorized by law, particularly by parents who:

- are economically disadvantaged
- have disabilities
- have limited English proficiency
- have limited literacy
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The district shall use the findings of the evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise, if necessary, this policy. The district shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.

Development of school-level Title I parent involvement policy

Each school receiving Title I funds shall jointly develop with and distribute to parents of students participating in the Title I program (hereafter referred to as “parents”) a written School-Level Title I Parent Involvement Policy agreed upon by the parents in accordance with the requirements of federal law.

The policy shall contain a school-parent compact or agreement that outlines how parents, school staff and students will share the responsibility of improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help students.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-7-101 through 22-7-107 (*Educational Accountability Act of 1971*) (*local accountability programs*)

C.R.S. 22-7-407 (5) (*informing parents about standards-based education*)

C.R.S. 22-11-201 (4)(b)(l) (*accreditation contract must bind district to administer community involvement, including processes for parents*)

C.R.S. 22-30.5-109 (*publicity regarding educational options*)

1 CCR 301-1, Rules 2202-R.2.01 (4)(j) (*accreditation contract must include goals and processes for informing and involving parents, families, community and accountability committees*)

20 U.S.C. §6301 et seq. (*No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*)

Title I, Part A, Section 1118 (*Title I parent involvement requirements*)

Title I, Part A, Section 1114 (b)(1)(F) (*Schoolwide Reform Program must include strategies to increase parent involvement*)

Title I, Part A, Section 1115 (c)(1)(g) (*Targeted Assistance Program must include parent involvement strategies*)

Title I, Part A, Section 1116 (a)(1)(D) (*school districts' receiving Title I funds must review effectiveness of parent involvement actions and activities at schools*)

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Title I, Part F, Section 1606 (a)(7) (*Comprehensive School Reform Grant Program parent involvement requirements*)

Title II, Part A, Section (a)(3)(B)(IV) (*preparing and training for highly qualified teachers and principals Grant Program parent involvement provisions*)

Title I, Part A, Section 1112 (g) (*parent involvement and notifications in districts using Title I funds to provide language instruction to limited English proficient students*)

Title I, Part C, Section 1304 (b)(3) (*parent involvement and notifications in districts using Title I funds for the education of migratory children*)

Title I, Part A, Section 1114 (b)(2) (*eligible school that desires to operate a schoolwide program must develop a comprehensive reform plan*)

CROSS REFS.: ADA, School District Goals and Objectives

AE, Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishments

AEA, Standards Based Education

IHBIB, Primary/Preprimary Education

IL, Evaluation of Instructional Program

ILBA, District Program Assessment

ILBB, State Program Assessments

KD, Public Information and Communications