

Parent Involvement with Title I

The Board endorses the parent involvement goals of Title I and encourages the regular participation by parents/guardians in all aspects of the school district's Title I programs.

District-Level Parent Involvement Policy

In compliance with federal law, RSU 40 will work with parents/guardians to develop, agree on, and distribute to parents of children participating in the school system's Title I programs a written district-level parent involvement policy.

Annually, parents/guardians will have opportunities to participate in the evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the district's parent involvement policy and in using the findings of the evaluation to design strategies for more effective parent involvement and to revise the policy.

The parent involvement policy will include a "School-Parent Compact" outlining the manner in which parents, school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement in meeting state standards.

The "School-Parent Compact" will:

- A.** Describe the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling children in the Title I program to meet the state's academic achievement standards;
- B.** Indicate the ways in which parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning, such as monitoring attendance, homework completion, monitoring television watching, volunteering in the classroom, and participating, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education and positive use of extra-curricular time;
- C.** Address the importance of parent-teacher communication on an ongoing basis, with, at a minimum, parent-teacher conferences, frequent reports to parents, and reasonable access to staff; and
- D.** Indicate the ways in which students will be responsible for supporting their own learning, behavior, and regular attendance at school.

Parent Involvement Meetings

RSU 40 will convene at least two meetings each year, to which all parents/guardians of eligible children will be invited to inform them about the school's participation in Title I and to involve them in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I programs and the parent involvement policy.

In addition to the required annual meeting, at least one other meeting will be held at various times of the day and/or evening for parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs.

These meetings will be used to provide parents with:

- A. Information about programs the schools provide under Title I;
- B. A description and explanation of the curriculum materials and instruction in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency level students are expected to meet;
- C. Opportunities to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children; and
- D. The opportunity to submit comments to the district level if they are dissatisfied with the school-wide Title I program.

Parent Relations

Parents/guardians of children identified for participation in a Title I program will receive from the building principal and Title I staff an explanation of the reasons supporting their child's selection, a set of objectives to be addressed, and a description of the services to be provided. Parents will receive regular reports on their child's progress and be provided with opportunities to meet with the classroom and Title I teachers. Training, materials, and suggestions as to how parents can assist in the education of their children at home will be available from building staff and the Parent Involvement Coordinator.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent/designee will be responsible for ensuring that the school unit's Title I plan, programs, and parent involvement policies comply with applicable law and regulations and for developing administrative procedures, as needed, to implement this policy.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. § 6318

This is a required policy.

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