

TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

In recognition that the parent is the child's first and most important teacher, and that the parent's continued involvement is essential for the success of the child, the Marion County Board of Education is committed to building a strong parent-school partnership. To support a strong parent-school partnership, the following policies were developed, in consultation with parents of participating Title I students, to ensure that parents are involved in planning, implementing, and evaluating the Title I program:

After students have been identified as eligible to receive Title I services, parents will be notified as to the reasons their child was selected. This notification will include the instructional objectives and methods of the Title I program and a copy of the parent involvement policy.

Following the selection of the students who may receive Title I services and the notification of their parents, the Title I staff will convene an annual meeting during the summer to which the parents of all participating children will be invited. The purpose of this meeting shall be to explain the programs and activities provided with Title I funds including any set aside funds. A notice of the meeting will be advertised and representatives from participating and non-participating schools may attend.

Parents or guardians of each Title I child will be given the opportunity to participate in at least one annual parent-teacher conference and any additional conferences needed to insure understanding and cooperation among the parents, students, and respective school official necessary for the child to profit fully from all school experiences. Furthermore, parents will be encouraged to talk with their child's Title I teacher any time during the school term as needed.

The Title I Planning Committee will meet at least once a year at each respective participant's school. Other meetings may be held as needed. During the Spring meeting, the Committee will assess and discuss the effectiveness of the parent involvement program and discuss how the program for the coming year will be designed, operated, and evaluated.

Title I teachers will report to each child's parents on the child's progress once a semester. Other progress reports will be sent as necessary to keep parents informed adequately. Compacts will be available to enhance home and school cooperation.

Parents will be invited to attend Open House and other PTO events during the school year.

Appropriate training will be provided to all Title I staff to increase the effectiveness of the staff in working with the parents of participating Title I students and the building of a partnership between home and school. This training will be conducted by such methods as teacher participation in workshops, in-services, and/or a statewide conference.

In order to increase the effectiveness of parents in working with their children in the home, support will be given through parental materials when needed and parents will be questioned as to the type materials needed.

The Title I program staff will coordinate parent involvement activities with the Adult Education Act whenever possible.

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