

Aberdeen Middle School Parental Involvement Policy

PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

The Aberdeen Middle School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in the Middle school which has Title I, Part A programs, consistent with section 1118 of the Middle and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- Consistent with section 1118, the school will ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- The school will incorporate the district wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the Middle school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the State Department of Education.
- The school will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- The school will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

(A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;

(B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;

(C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;

(D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW ABERDEEN MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED DISTRICT-WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. Aberdeen Middle School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district wide parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA:
 - Present a draft policy to parents at an annual PAC meeting and publish it on the district website seeking input and recommendations from parents.
2. Aberdeen Middle School will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:
 - Provide parents access to the school report card and district report card posted on the district website.
 - Present an annual update to parents on student achievement and other relevant data at a PAC meeting seeking parent input and recommendations.
3. Aberdeen Middle School will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:
 - Title I Director will, in conjunction with the superintendent and school principals, plan parent events and activities annually.
4. Aberdeen Middle School will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this

parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.

- The Title I Director in conjunction with the superintendent and building principals will hold an annual parent meeting to review the parent involvement policy and seek recommendations for improving parent participation.
5. Aberdeen Middle School will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:
- A. The school will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph --
 - the State's academic content standards,
 - the State's student academic achievement standards,
 - the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
 - the requirements of Part A,
 - how to monitor their child's progress, and
 - how to work with educators:
 - B. The school will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement.
 - C. The school will, with the assistance of its parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools.

D. The school will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent-programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

- Post open meeting invitations on the district website in English and in Spanish;
- Send notices to parents in English and in Spanish;
- Provide interpreters at all district and school events upon request.

PART III. DISCRETIONARY DISTRICT WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

Other discretionary activities that the school, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school and school system to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under section 1118(e) of the ESEA:

- train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;
- provide alternate times and places for school meetings in an effort to maximize parental involvement and participation in their children's education (i.e., arranging school meetings at a variety of times, conducting in-home conferences between teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children or with parents who are unable to attend those conferences at school);
- establish a district wide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs;
- develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities; and
- provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 as parents may request.

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