

Title I Parental Involvement

- I. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's Title I Parent Involvement policy, plan and programs comply with the requirements of federal law.
 - A. The district will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district wide parental involvement plan:
 1. An annual meeting of parents of participating Title I students shall be held to explain the goals and purposes of the Title I program. The open house or "back to school night" in September of each school year will be used for this purpose.
 2. Parents will be given the opportunity to participate in the development, operation and evaluation of the program. At the open house in September, a sign-up sheet will be offered and parental involvement will be encouraged.
 3. Parents will be encouraged to participate in planning activities, to offer suggestions, and to ask questions regarding policies and programs. During parent/teacher conferences in October, parents will be encouraged to participate in the aforementioned activities.
 - B. The district will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement:
 1. Parents will be given the opportunity to review the school improvement plan. The plan is available at the annual open house and is always available at the school office for review.
 2. Parents will be encouraged to participate in the building self-review. Parents will be invited to share in the self-review via newsletters, a notice on the school website, and/or notes home with students.
 - C. The district will provide the following coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities:
 1. Identify barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities;
 2. Use findings of the evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement; and
 3. Revise, when necessary, the district and school parent involvement policies.
 - D. The district will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with similar strategies under the following other programs, such as:
 - Head Start;
 - Even Start;
 - Learning Assistance Program;
 - Special Education; and
 - State-operated preschool programs.

The district shall facilitate removing barriers to parental involvement by activities such as:

1. Conducting joint parent meetings with other programs;
2. Holding meetings at various times of the day and evening;
3. Arranging for in home conferences;
4. Title I funds may be used to facilitate parent attendance at meetings by payment of transportation and child care costs.

- E. The district will conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy.
- F. The district will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement through the following:
 - 1. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide information to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
 - The State's essential academic learning requirements,
 - The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
 - How to monitor their child's progress, and
 - How to work with educators. Information for parents will be provided through newsletters, the school website, and/or notes home
 - 2. The school district will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, by:
 - a. Giving guidance as to how parents can assist at home in the education of their child;
 - b. Holding parent meetings at various times of the day and evening to provide parents:
 - Opportunities to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children.
 - Opportunities to submit parent comments about the program to the district.
 - Opportunities to meet with the classroom and Title I, Part A teachers to discuss their children's progress.
- G. School district personnel will work with teachers and other staff, to reach out to, communicate with, and engage parents as equal partners. The district will provide:
 - 1. An explanation of the reasons supporting their child's selection for the program;
 - 2. A description and explanation of the school's curriculum;
 - 3. Information in the academic assessment used to measure student progress;
 - 4. Information on the proficiency levels students are expected to meet; and

This information will be provided at the annual open house, through newsletters, the school website, and/or notes home with students.
- H. The school district 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:
 - 1. Distribute the Title I Family Involvement policy on an annual basis. This policy is distributed with the school calendar/handbook
 - 2. To the extent needed and practicable, distribute the Title I Family Involvement policy in multiple languages or formats.

II. School-Based Parent Involvement Policy

- A. Skamania School District is a one-building school, and the District Policy will act as the building policy.