

Mitchell School District #55

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TITLE I/PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

The Board recognizes that parent involvement is vital to achieve maximum educational growth for students participating in the District's Title I program. Therefore, in compliance with federal law and Oregon Department of Education guidelines, the District Title I schools shall meet with parents to provide information regarding their school's participation in the Title I program and its requirements.

The Board directs the Superintendent to ensure that such meetings are held annually and at a convenient time. All parents of participating students shall be invited to attend. Title I funds may be provided for transportation, child care, home visits, or other parental involvement services, as appropriate. The Superintendent will ensure equivalence among schools in teachers, administration, and other staff and in provisions of curriculum materials and instructional supplies.

Parents shall be informed of their right to be involved in the development of the District's parental involvement policy, overall Title I plan, and school-parent compact.

Parental Involvement Policy

A parental involvement policy shall be developed jointly and agreed upon with parents of participating students. The District shall ensure:

1. Involvement of parents in the joint development of the District's overall Title I plan and the process of school review and improvement.
2. Coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
3. Development of activities that promote the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parent involvement.
4. Coordination and integration of parental involvement strategies with appropriate programs, including the requirements of other NCLB title programs, as provided by law.

5. Involvement of parents in the annual planning, distribution of funds, and evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the policy in improving the academic quality of schools served under Title I.
6. Barriers to participation by parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority are identified.
7. Findings of annual evaluations are used to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise, if necessary, the requirements of this policy.
8. Parents are involved in the activities of schools served under Title I and are provided a flexible number of meetings.
9. A minimum of 1 percent of the Title I-A allocation will be designated for parental involvement activities. A minimum of 95 percent of these reserved funds shall be distributed to the Title I identified schools.

The District shall, to the extent practicable, provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, parents of homeless students, and parents of migrant students. Information and school reports will be provided in a format and language parents understand.

The District's policy shall be adopted by the Board, reviewed annually, and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the schools and distributed to parents of participating students in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The policy will be made available to the local community.

The Superintendent will establish administrative regulations which include the plan and compact and detail mandatory compliance of all federal and state requirements. The plan and compact will be the working documents which support the plan in practice.

END OF POLICY

Legal References:

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No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. Sections 6311-6322 (2006).