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TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Statement of Purpose

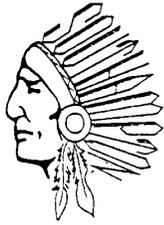
- Southampton Township School District is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in the district. A goal of the Southampton Township Title I program is to encourage greater involvement of parents in the education of their children in partnership with Title I and their school. Everyone gains if school and home work together to promote high achievement by our children.

Parental Involvement in Developing the Policy

- A committee of volunteers consisting of parents, teachers, and principals will meet to develop our school's Parent Involvement Policy.

Annual Meeting for Title I Parents

- At the annual meeting for parents, which will be held in September, parents will be given information about the Title I guidelines. They will be given copies of the district's current Parent Involvement Policy, and will be offered a chance to become involved in revising that policy as needed.



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School-Parent Compact

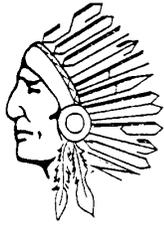
- According to the Title I regulations, each school must share responsibility with parents for high student performance by developing a school-parent-student compact jointly with the parents of children participating in the program. These compacts must outline how parents, staff, and students will share responsibility for promoting high student achievement.
- Parents will receive the compact from the child's school with a checklist of responsibilities that teachers, parents, and students will each have for helping students achieve their goals.
- Parents are urged to discuss the compact with their children before signing it and having their children sign.

Matching Programs to the Needs of Our Community

- Each year, the school district will assess the needs of parents and children through a variety of measures - including questionnaires sent home to parents - so that the Title I program will be tailored to meet those needs. Workshops and other programs will be available to match the expressed needs whenever possible. Parents will be notified about these opportunities in writing through the school. Parents are welcome to make suggestions or express an interest in a particular workshop at any time.

Staff-Parent Communication

- In June a letter will be sent to all parents of children selected for participation in the Title I program informing them of selection and the nature of instruction.



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- All parents will be invited to attend a meeting at their local schools during September for discussion of specifics concerning the instructional objectives and methods of the program. Parents will also be informed of other meetings to be held during the school year.
- Communication with parents will include report cards, progress reports, phone calls, conferences, notices and home visits as needed. Parents are encouraged to take the initiative in calling their child's teacher when they are concerned about a problem.
- Parents are encouraged to visit Title I classes during American Education Week.
- Every effort will be made to communicate with the responsible adults in the dominant language of the family.

Evaluation

- There will be an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Title I parental involvement program. Parents will be asked for their input. The evaluation will include an assessment of how much parental involvement is increasing and what barriers to parental participation still need to be overcome. The school district will revise its Parental Involvement Policy on the basis of this review.
- The commitment to family involvement has been approved by the School Board of Southampton Township Schools. The policy will be coordinated by Title I supervisory staff and teachers throughout the school district and promoted by building principals and other school staff.