



Sumter County School District

Parent Involvement Policy 2014 – 2015 (DRAFT)

WHAT IS A TITLE I LEA (Local Education Agency) PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY?

Sumter County School District receives federal funds through the Title I law, part of which allows schools to provide additional academic resources and services to parents and students. The LEA Parent Involvement Policy explains what the District will provide for parents/guardians, through Title I schools, to meet the expectations required by the Title I law, and describes how specific parental involvement activities will be implemented.

WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE POLICY?

The policy describes the following:

- ✓ How parents/guardians are provided the opportunity to be involved in providing input in developing and revising the policy every school year;
- ✓ How the policy will be distributed and made available to all parents/guardians;
- ✓ How parents are provided the opportunity to be involved in the process of school review and improvement;
- ✓ What the district will offer to schools as they plan and implement meaningful parental involvement activities to improve student achievement;
- ✓ What schools will do to work with other programs (such as Head Start and Even Start Programs) to promote parent involvement;
- ✓ How the district and schools will work with parents to evaluate how effective the parent involvement policy is in improving academic achievement by:
 - Identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in activities that are provided;
 - Working with parents to create plans for increasing parental involvement.
- ✓ How the district will work with schools to provide information on particular topics, such as:
 - What students will be taught (the state's academic standards)
 - What students will be expected to know and be able to do (the state's student academic achievement standards);
 - Understanding state and local assessments (CRCT, Benchmark Assessments, ITBS, GKIDS, etc.);
 - How to monitor your child's progress;

- ✓ How the district and schools will work together to provide materials and training for parents to use, as they work with their child to experience academic success, including:
 - Reading skills;
 - Using technology;
 - Topics requested by parents.
- ✓ How the district will work with schools and parents to inform teachers, principals, and other staff in understanding the value of parents being involved with their child’s education and how they can work with parents as equal partners to improve student achievement;
- ✓ School Parent Resource Centers;
- ✓ How communication will take place in a way that all parents can understand;
- ✓ How the schools and district will provide support for parents who may request additional reasonable parental involvement activities;
- ✓ How parents will be involved in the decisions of how parental involvement funds will be used.

We are pleased to share the draft of the 2014-2015 LEA Parental Involvement Policy with you, as attached. This plan will be revised based on input from parents in all Title I schools, through feedback that is provided at each planned parent involvement event, surveys, dedicated meetings and looking at year-end summaries of parental involvement activities and reviews from each school.

Please provide any additional input or feedback below. If you would like any further information, please contact me, Gayla Braziel, at gbraziel@sumterschools.org, or by phone at 229-931-8525.

Please note your comments on and suggestions for the Sumter County School District Parental Involvement Policy 2014 – 2015. The final date for revisions to be made to the policy will be July 1, 2014.

Thank you, we need, and appreciate your feedback!

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