

WYOMING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Title I School Parental Involvement Policy

Wyoming Area Kindergarten Center School Parent Involvement Policy

Purpose

In addition to the district's Parent Involvement Policy, there will also be a School Parent Involvement Policy. It is imperative that each participating Title I school jointly-develop and agree upon a School Involvement Policy that will be distributed to parents of Title I children. The School Parental Involvement Policy will describe the means for carrying out the guidelines of the policy through the participation of all Title I parents. The jointly developed policy will be updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

The involvement of parents should not be limited to attendance at PTO meetings or volunteering at school. What parents do at home to improve their children's academic achievement is equally important. The school values parents' educational effort in assisting with the education of their children both at home and at school.

Guidelines for School Parent Involvement

The Wyoming Area Kindergarten Center will involve parents in the planning, reviewing and improving of the Parental Involvement Policy at the annual Title I meeting or a scheduled timely meeting for the school. The following information will be provided and discussed with the parents of participating children:

1.
 - Timely information about the Title I Program
 - A description and explanation of the reading curriculum
 - Opportunities for regular meetings
 - Timely responses to concerns expressed by parent
 - Home School Involvement Compact
 - Notification of students who qualify for Title 1 services in the beginning of school year as determined by the district's Kindergarten screening and Dibels assessments based on greatest need.

2. The Wyoming Area Kindergarten Center will ensure that any

information related to the school and parent programs, meetings and other activities would be sent to parents of participating Title I children in an understandable format and in a timely manner. All Title I parents will be informed of any scheduled conferences and training workshops which would provide them with educational strategies to help improve the academic achievement of their children.

3. The Wyoming Area Kindergarten Center parents will attend an annual meeting where the following Title I guidelines will be presented:

- Inform parents of the district's participation in the Title I Federal Program and explain the requirements of the program and the rights of parents to be involved in the Title I program.
- Provide parents with information concerning why their child was recommended as needing Title I services with a Reading Specialist.
- Inform every parent about the district's letter which is sent to all parents concerning the assurance that all teachers who have been assigned to their children hold appropriate state certification in the area that they are instructing .
- Recommend to the parents of children who are participating in the Title I Program of the state's Parent Advisory Council and how they can become involved if they so desire.
- Inform parents of any on-going training workshops and conferences which would be in their best interest to attend.
- Inform parents of the annual three day state parent conference sponsored and funded by the State Parent Advisory Council (SPAC).

4. The Wyoming Area Kindergarten Center will provide opportunities for parents to

make suggestions and appropriate decisions concerning their children's education. Parents can request to convene a Title I school meeting when necessary to formulate decision-making suggestions or ideas related to the education of their children. This can also take place at parent conferences scheduled throughout the year.

5. The Wyoming Area Kindergarten Center will utilize set-aside Title I funds in the program's budget to pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities including transportation, registration and any other expenses occurred for parent training sessions or school related meetings.

6. The Wyoming Area Kindergarten Center will provide parents with the following information concerning the district's academic curriculum and assessments administered within the school:

- Parents will be informed of the school's curriculum and the forms of academic assessment used to measure their children's progress and the proficiency levels that their children are expected to meet.
- Parents will receive from the district an individual student report about the performance of their children on the state assessment test in reading and any other assessments used to diagnose their children's proficiency in reading.
- Parents will receive notification in the beginning of the school year of any diagnostic testing being administered to students who fall below the proficiency levels on the district's Kindergarten screening assessment administered in the summer and the Dibels Benchmark assessment administered in the beginning of the school year.

7. The Wyoming Area kindergarten Center will provide assistance to parents in understanding the state's academic standards in the following manner:

- Parents will be provided with an overview of Pennsylvania's state standards. These encompass the Pennsylvania Academic Standards for reading and the academic achievements that students are expected to meet.
- Parents will be informed as to how they can help monitor their children's progress with suggested activities they can do at home with their children to improve the achievement level of their children.
- Parents will have an opportunity to examine a sample of the PSSA test and note the reading skills being assessed. The rubric used to score their children's assessed open-ended questions in the test will be reviewed and explained in an understandable format.

8. The Wyoming Area Kindergarten Center was involved in a jointly-d developed Home School Involvement Compact which outlines how parents, school staff and students will share in the responsibility for improved academic achievement within the Title I program. The compact will be distributed in the beginning of the school year and signed by all parties. Copies of the signed compact will be kept on file in the school.

9. The Wyoming Area Kindergarten Center will provide parents with instructional strategies and training necessary to help improve their children's academic achievement when working with them at home. Mini parent workshops, parent conferences and computer training within the district will be available to foster parent involvement.

10. The Wyoming Area Kindergarten Center will ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities would be sent to parents of participating Title I children in an understandable format and in a timely manner. Brochures outlining the Title I program guidelines and other educational pamphlets and handouts which will provide parents with + research-based strategies to improve their children's academic achievement will also be made available.

11. The Wyoming Area Kindergarten Center will provide financial assistance and parent training on computer operations, educational websites or any of the five (5) scientifically research based essentials of reading as sited by the National Reading Panel as requested.