

Gasconade County R-II School District-Title I

Title I Reading is federally funded. As a participating parent, you are entitled to opportunities that allow involvement with your child's education. Please inform your child's teacher if you need assistance in any way to ensure your participation (for example: interpreter, translator, or assistance in reading).

Communication:

When parents are involved in education, children do better in school.

The following opportunities are available to promote communication:

- A. Our Parent Handbook contains information about the Title I Reading program. We encourage your ideas and suggestions for the improvement of this handbook.
- B. Opportunities are available for parent/school contracts at meetings and other events throughout the year.
 - 1. Title I teachers are available at the beginning-of-the-year Open House to answer any questions about Title I services.
 - 2. Title I teachers will explain the services available, student selection, and expectations of the parent, child, and teacher. Teachers will outline a typical lesson. Parents of Reading Recovery students will be given an opportunity to schedule a time to come in and observe their child's lesson.
 - 3. During fall parent/teacher conferences, Title I teachers are available to meet with parents of Title I students to discuss student progress.
 - 4. Parents are invited to come to student-led conferences in the spring.
 - 5. Conferences may be held at any time during the year at the request of the parent or teacher.
 - 6. Parent/School literacy nights are held during the year. The purpose of these events is to provide parents with information about how to support their child's reading at home.

Shared Responsibilities:

The responsibility of educating your child is a shared experience between home and school.

The following opportunities are available to promote this cooperation:

- A. A compact, developed by Title I staff with a parent input, will be distributed at the beginning of the year. This outlines the responsibilities that the teacher and parent share in promoting your child's educational growth.
- B. The Title I teacher will send home books for nightly reading. Title I teachers expect you and your child to read these books together. Contact your child's Title I teacher if you need suggestions about how to support your child's reading.
- C. Parents are encouraged to visit their child's Title I classroom.
- D. Parents are expected to review progress updates that are sent home at the end of each semester and periodically throughout the year.

Involvement at the School/Community Level:

We realize that you are a valued community member with a wealth of knowledge to contribute to your child's education.

- A. Parents of Title I students are invited to serve on the Title I Parent Advisory Committee. This committee meets several times throughout the year to evaluate Title I services and contribute ideas for improvement.
- B. Join and participate in P.T.A. or P.T.O activities.
- C. Register to vote: Your voice counts on educational issues.

