

De Kalb Independent School District

District Parental Involvement Policy 2019-2020



PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

The De Kalb Independent School District agrees to implement the following statutory requirements.

- The school district will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- Consistent with section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- The school district will incorporate this district wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA. In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school district and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand. If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the State Department of Education.
- The school district will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- The school district will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two- way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

- (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
- (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW DISTRICT WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED DISTRICT WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. The DeKalb ISD will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district wide parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA: Parents will serve on the district and campus site-based committees which write the district and campus parental involvement policies. Parent input will be solicited at Title I meetings.
2. The DeKalb ISD will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA: Parent input will be solicited at Title I meetings and district site-based committee parent members will help in the school review.
3. The DeKalb ISD provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance: The Title I Director will train the campus principals and support the campuses with planning and implementation procedures.
4. The DeKalb ISD will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies in PK-4 programs.
5. The DeKalb ISD will conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies. The evaluation will be conducted at the end of the school year in a district site-base committee meeting.

1. The De Kalb ISD will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

A. The school district will, at its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph -- the State's academic content standards, the State's student academic achievement standards, the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments, the requirements of Title I, Part A, how to monitor their child's progress, and how to work with educators:

B. The school district will, with the assistance of its schools, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, including parent information nights for grade transitioning.

C. The school district will, with the assistance of its schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools.

D. The school district will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Pre-K 4 and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

E. The school district will require each principal provide to parents information related to the school and parent- programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and to the extent practical, in a language the parents can understand.

PART III. DISCRETIONARY DISTRICT WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS The district will also conduct the following activities to promote parental involvement:

Meet the Teacher Night

Veterans Day Program

Grandparents Day activities

Information nights and course selection assistance for students entering 9th grade

Transitional orientations and campus visits for students

School newsletters

Parent information nights for Juniors and Seniors Scholarship and financial aid workshops

Positive Parent Contacts

Book Fairs

Dyslexia Conference

Drug Awareness Presentations/Assemblies Academic Showcase/Open House Awards

Field Day Fine Arts

Campus calendars and district events shared via Website and Facebook/Twitter Online access for parents of their child's grades and attendance

E-Notes (email and text messaging system at classroom/campus level)

Parent Notification Calling and E-Mail System, Google Classroom, Teacher Web pages

Classroom DOJO, Remind 101, Information App District electronic marquee

PART IV. ADOPTION This District wide Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by attendance sign-in sheets. This policy will be in effect from August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children through the district Website and Title I public meetings.