



DOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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DOVER ELEMENTARY PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Dover High School and Elementary School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

The school that receives Title I, Part A funds will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents 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 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 will incorporate this school site parental involvement policy into its district 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 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 schoolwide or targeted site plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children in the Title I, Part A program, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the State Department of Education.

The school will involve the parents of children served with Title I, Part funds 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 will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and 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.*

Dover Elementary and High School will build parents' capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents to support a partnership among the parents and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

A. The school will, with the assistance of the district, provide assistance to parents of children served by the 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

Dover High School and Elementary will provide professional development to staff in the above areas to facilitate the dissemination of this information to parents during conferences and open houses. In addition, newsletters and the school website will be utilized to disseminate this information.

B. The school will, with the assistance of the district, 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, to foster parental involvement, by

Information will be disseminated during conferences, email, and newsletters.

C. The school will, with the assistance of the district 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, by:

Dover High School and Elementary will train staff in parental involvement with ongoing job embedded professional development.

D. The school will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool 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, by:

Dover High School and Elementary will seek out partnerships with outside entities to the extent it is feasible and appropriate. Information will be disseminated through the school website, local newspapers, and newsletters.

E. The school will take the following actions to ensure that 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 practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

Information will be provided in multiple language formats that meet the needs of the district's patrons.

F. The school will take the following actions to provide other such reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.

Parent requests for involvement will be reviewed for appropriateness, and accommodations will be made that are feasible and appropriate.

Dover High School and Elementary will:

- A. Convene an annual meeting to explain the Title I program to parents and inform them of their right to be involved in the program.
- B. Offer a flexible number of meetings (the school may use Title I funds to pay related expenses, such as child care, transportation or home visits).
- C. Involve parents in planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs.
- D. Provide timely information about Title I programs to parents; describe the curricula, the student assessments and proficiency levels students are expected to meet; respond promptly to parent suggestions and provide opportunities for regular meetings where parents can provide input.
- E. Provide parents with an opportunity to submit dissenting views to the district if a school's program is not acceptable to them.

This School Site 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 the Title One Parent Meeting and availability for public comment at the district school board meeting on October 12, 2015.

This policy was adopted by Dover High School and Dover Elementary on October 12 and will be in effect for the period of 2015-16 school year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before October 31.

(Signature of Authorized Official)

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