

Noxubee County School District Parent Involvement Policy

The Noxubee County School District agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The Noxubee County 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). These programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- 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 a 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, 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 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 118 of the ESEA.

1. The Noxubee County School District 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:
 - Work cooperatively with the Parent Teacher Organization and other parent support groups to solicit parental input during the development and implantation of the parent involvement plan.
 - Disseminate information pertaining to meetings, workshops, and planning sessions during which the district-wide parental involvement plan will be reviewed.
2. The Noxubee County School District will take the following actions to involve parent in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:
 - Parents and district personnel will meet to develop our district's Parent Involvement Policy. Parents will be invited to attend the meeting to be part of the process. The District will convene a parent meeting once a year, to inform parents of their school's participation and to explain requirements, and the right to be involved.
3. The Noxubee County School District will 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:
 - Provide opportunities for parents to attend worktops and activities to help their students achieve academically.
 - ^{Schedule Parent} Workshops and Parent Nights at each school throughout the school year. Phone calls and letters to parents of students that miss more than three unexcused absences, in an attempt to reduce truancy.
4. The Noxubee County School District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs
 - The Noxubee County School District work together with the Head Start in transitioning them to kindergarten, provide support and prepare them for kindergarten and beyond.
5. The Noxubee County School District will take the following actions to 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, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.
- 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, and limited literacy)
- Parent surveys will be sent home with students. Data will be analyzed to identify target areas of parental concerns and suggestions for program improvement

6. The Noxubee County School District 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:

- The school district will, with the assistance of 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 Part A,
- how to monitor their child's progress, and
- how to work with educators:

-Information is sent with IREADY, MKAS and TI81 scores to explain the meaning,

-Monitor a child's progress by looking at progress reports and report cards,

-give information sessions by "parent night: out outline testing expectations,

-Post parental information on the school website or send it home through weekly newsletters.

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, to foster parental involvement, by

- *Noxubee County School District offers a variety of meetings and activities for parents. Some of the events scheduled are PTO, Reading Fars, Science Fair, Muffins for Mom, Doughnuts with Dad etc.*

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, by:

- A workshop will be provided to the teachers, other staff and parents to make them actively involve of their child academic success.

D. The school district 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 Programs, 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,

- The Noxubee County School District work together with the Head Start in transitioning them to kindergarten, provide support and prepare them for kindergarten and beyond.

E. The school district 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

- Parental involvement information will be provided throughout the year. Time and meetings will be posted on websites , newsletter and alert now.

The District Wide Parental Involvement Policy may include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the school district, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school and school system to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under section1118 (e) of the ESEA:

- Involving parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training;
- Providing necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds, if the school district has exhausted all other reasonably available source of funding for that training;
- Paying reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions;
- Training parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;

- In order to maximize parental involvement and participation in their children' education, arranging school meetings at a variety of times, or conducting in –home conference between teachers or other educators, who are unable to attend those conference at school;
- Adopting and implementing model approaches to improving parental involvement;
- establishing a district wide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs;
- developing appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities; and
- providing other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 as parents may request.)

PARTIV. 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 sign in sheet.

This policy was adopted by the Noxubee County School District on _____ and will be in _____ academic year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participation on before_____.

