

Parent and Family Engagement Title I Policy

Purpose: Parents serve as a key shareholder in the educational process. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy of Hopkins Elementary School ensures equitable participation in the planning, reviewing, and implementing of all parent programs and activities.

Policy Statement: Hopkins Elementary School has a school-wide Title I Program. The school receives federal funding to implement the Title I Program. Federal funding is based on the number of students receiving free or reduced meals and is determined each school year.

The main goal of the Title I Program is to raise the performance level of all students by improving the overall instructional program. Title I provides funding for such things as: highly qualified teachers and instructional assistants, instructional materials, parent involvement, training for school staff and other instructional resources. Instructional assistants are support staff who provide students with small group instruction. The Title I program supports all curriculum, instruction and assessment initiatives within the school to help achieve school improvement and accountability goals.

An important component of the Title I Program is parent and community involvement. Involvement opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Attending Open House, PTO meetings, SBDM Council meetings and other school events.
- Completing a criminal background check each school year and attending Confidentiality Training enabling parents to volunteer in the classroom, chaperone field trips, and have lunch with their child during such scheduled events.
- Volunteering to serve on school committees.
- Supporting fundraisers and donations of needed classroom items.
- Attending fall and spring parent-teacher conferences.

Hopkins Elementary School will support and promote parent and community involvement through:

- Scheduling meetings and school events both during and after school hours.
- Sending home classroom newsletters informing parents of upcoming events student learning.
- Analyzing parent survey data and feedback to make needed adjustments to improve the instructional program.
- Collaborating with the Family Resource and Youth Services Center to provide services to families and eliminate barriers to student learning.
- Encouraging teachers, students, and parents to sign the Title I Program School Compact each school year indicating their agreement to work together to help all students reach their highest level of learning.
- Providing opportunities for parents to sign up for school committees.
- Using the OneCall automated calling system and the school website to inform parents of upcoming events and to provide information about the school.
- Inviting parents to attend events such as Parent Meetings, Family Reading Night, Awards Programs, PTO fundraisers, Open Houses, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and other events.

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