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TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT

6172.4(a)

The Board of Education endorses the parent or guardian involvement goals of Title I and encourages the regular participation by the parent or guardian of Title I¹ eligible children in all aspects of the program. The education of children is viewed as a cooperative effort among the parent or guardian, school, and community.

Pursuant to federal law, the district will develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to the parent or guardian of children participating in the Title I program a written parent or guardian involvement policy.

At the required annual meeting of Title I parents or guardians, the parent or guardian will have opportunities to participate in the design, development, operation, and evaluation of the program for the next school year. Proposed activities shall be presented to fulfill the requirements necessary to address the requirements of parental or custodial involvement.

In addition to the required annual meeting, at least three (3) additional meetings shall be held, at various times of the day and/or evenings, for the parent or guardian of children participating in the Title I program. These meetings shall be convened by the building administrator of each Title I school to provide the parent or guardian with:

- information about programs provided under Title I;
- a description and explanation of the curriculum in use, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet;
- opportunities to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children; and
- the opportunity to bring parent or guardian comments, if they are dissatisfied with the school's Title I program, to the district level.

Title I funding, if sufficient, may be used to facilitate parent or guardian attendance at meetings through payment of transportation and childcare costs.

The parent or guardian of children identified to participate in Title I programs shall receive from the school Principal and Title I staff an explanation of the reasons supporting each child's selection for the program, a set of objectives to be addressed, and a description of the services to be provided.

¹ Title I is part of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). It provides funds to school districts based on poverty data which is determined by the number of district students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. The schools with the highest poverty data receive Title I funding for supplementary services to students needing additional educational support.

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6172.4(b)

Opportunities will be provided for the parent or guardian to meet with the classroom and Title I teachers to discuss their child's progress. Parents or guardians will also receive guidance as to how they can assist in the education of their children at home.

Each school in the district receiving Title I funds shall develop, jointly with the parent or guardian of children served in the program, a "School-Parent Compact" outlining the manner in which the parent or guardian, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement in meeting State standards.

The "School-Parent Compact" shall:

- describe the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling children in the Title I program to meet the State's academic achievement standards;
- indicate the ways in which each parent or guardian will be responsible for supporting their child's learning, such as monitoring attendance, homework completion, and television watching, volunteering in the classroom, and participating, as appropriate, in decisions related to their child's education and positive use of extra-curricular time; and
- address the importance of on-going parent-teacher communication with, at a minimum, parent-teacher conferences, frequent reports to the parent or guardian, and reasonable access to staff.

Legal Reference: Improving America's Schools Act, PL 103-382, Sec. 1112 Local Education Agency Plans
Improving America's Schools Act (IASA), PL 103-382
PL 107-110 "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001," Title I - Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged, Sec. 1118

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