

Title I Parent Involvement Policy South Allegheny Elementary

South Allegheny Elementary is committed to providing a quality education for every child in the district. When teachers, parents and community form strong partnerships, all children's potential for academic success as well as their future educational development improve significantly.

South Allegheny Elementary involves parents in the development of the LEA plan and in the decision making process for the program.

- Title I parents participate in the development of the Title I parent involvement policy and are part of the continuing development of the program.
- Title I parents serve on the planning committee for the Title I Plan and the School Improvement Plan.
- A minimum of two meetings are held to provide Title I parents the opportunity for input into the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the Title I program.
- South Allegheny Elementary parents will participate in a planning meeting during the annual meeting in May.
- Parent support meetings are offered several times to provide TARGETED additional training techniques.

South Allegheny Elementary will support Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities by:

- assisting the Title I schools in identifying clear and measurable goals for parent involvement.
- promoting efforts that increase the level and quality of parent involvement.
- providing info to Title I parents and staff in order to help schools improve their parent involvement.
- providing resource materials for parent meetings, workshops, take-home learning activities and Study Island.
- assisting Title I schools with training ideas on approaching hard-to-reach parents and parent involvement activities.
- collaborating with the PTA, Parent Advisory Council and community agencies to provide activities that enable parents to assist in learning and participate in school, family unit activities and parent workshops.
- providing a way for parents and their children to participate together in an activity or meeting to bring in new parents.

South Allegheny Elementary builds the school's and parents' capacity for parent involvement by offering programs to strengthen the school/family partnership by:

- educating school staff and parents in the value of parent contributions.
- reaching out to, communicating with and working with parents as equal partners.
- implementing and coordinating parent programs.
- building ties between parents and the school.
- providing information to parents in understanding topics such as:
 1. importance of helping children meet high academic standards.
 2. monitoring children's progress by sending progress reports every semester
 3. developing literacy skills that help parents work with their children.

- providing state and local standards to parents, for assistance in their child's education, with copies available at school and on the internet.
- providing the Title I schools, to the extent feasible and appropriate, with information on how to:
 1. work with business partners and/or community organizations.
 2. learn about Title I.
 3. encourage school/family/community partnerships.
- providing information to Title I schools and parents on the district Parent Resource Center.
- ensuring Title I parents with limited English proficiency, literacy difficulties, or other disabilities are given the same opportunities as other parents. These opportunities may be structured, adapted or modified so that these parents may receive the same benefits and services as the other Title I parents.

South Allegheny Elementary will coordinate Title I parent involvement activities to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other programs such as local Even Start Agency by providing mutual parent involvement training and information.

South Allegheny Elementary will conduct with parents an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent involvement policy, assess how much parent involvement has increased and the barriers to parental participation that need to be addressed. The findings will be used to design strategies for school improvement and to revise parental involvement policies by:

- conducting an annual meeting in the spring for Title I parents.
- evaluating the content and effectiveness of the Title I parent involvement plans, procedures, and policies.
- using evaluations to identify successful parent involvement strategies.
- researching barriers to parent participation and making recommendations for improving parent involvement.
- considering barriers to participation of parents who are economically disadvantaged, disabled, have limited English proficiency, are limited in literacy skills or are part of an ethnic/minority background. These will be identified to ensure greater parent participation in school activities.
- if necessary, reviewing the evaluation findings.

The South Allegheny School District will budget \$ 4,000.00 of its allocation for parent involvement materials and activities. Involvement at the District level will be used for school-based activities. Parents' input into funding for parent involvement through the district and school planning process will be considered.