

Florence County School District Four seeks the participation, input, and advice of all Title I parents with respect to the joint development of the Local Educational Agency (LEA) plan and the process of school review and improvement. This Parent Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs. This policy was adopted and will be in effect for the period of August 2017-June 2018. Each Title I school in Florence 4 will distribute Parent Involvement Policies on or before the month of October 2017. Each school adheres to the District-Level policy. The District's Parent Involvement Policy will be made available on the district's website for review.

The Coordinator of the Title I project provides oversight, technical assistance, and support to project schools in their role of developing effective parent involvement participation, activities, strategies, etc. One of the main focal points of the district is to build the school's and parents' capacity for strong parent involvement. The Title I Coordinator will also oversee and integrate parent involvement in this program with parent involvement initiatives in other programs such as Head Start, Parent Child Home Program, and other transition programs.

In an effort to determine the effectiveness of this policy, as to increasing parent participation and to overcome the barriers to participation as noted in Section 1118 of the law, the Coordinator of the Title I project will convene an annual meeting to which all parents will be invited. This may be done in conjunction with a School Improvement Council meeting or Open House. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide information to parents about the overall Title I program. The meeting will be held on a day and a time determined to be the most convenient for the majority of parents. Notice will be sent to each parent, Title I teachers, Title I administrators, and the Superintendent. In addition to this communication, announcements of this meeting will be available through public media sources.

A detailed explanation of the Title I program and its activities will be presented at the meeting. Parents will receive information informing that, as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (reauthorized by ESEA), they may request and receive information about the qualifications of their child's classroom teacher(s) and teachers' aides. Parents will receive a newsletter with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet during the school year. The newsletter will also include the details of the School-Parent compact, the complaint procedures, how the school will respond to parent suggestions and the Parent and Information Resource Center that will offer training sessions to parents to help them work with their children to improve academic success. A Title I Parent Advisory Council will be formed district-wide and parent meetings, including conferences/workshops, will be held at different times during the day.

Title I funds may be used to pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.



Comments and concerns will be solicited from parents/legal guardians, and findings will be used to design strategies for school improvement. An annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy will be conducted to include the effectiveness of the parent involvement policy to (1) encourage parents/guardians to become actively involved with their child's education, (2) open lines of communication between parents and schools, (3) encourage parents to take responsibility for promoting high academic achievement in their children, and (4) remove or prevent barriers between the school and economically disadvantaged families with limited literacy and families of any racial or ethnic minority background. Parents will be given a copy of the parent involvement policy during school-level parent meetings.

Please contact Lashaundra D. Fisher at 843-346-3956 ext. 1110 if you have questions concerning Florence County School District Four's Parent Involvement Policy.