

# The School Town of Highland



## Title I Parent Involvement Policy

The School Town of Highland, in our continuous commitment to provide all students with a quality education, and pursuant to our belief in the importance of the parent-school partnership, intends to follow the parental guidelines set forth in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, and ensuring that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning, are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school, and are full partners in their child's education.

### Policy Guidelines

The School Town of Highland will

- Provide coordination, technical assistance and other necessary support to assist participating schools in building the capacity for effective parent involvement to improve student academic achievement and school performance. This coordination, assistance and support shall include:
  - ~ Distributing the School Town of Highland's Title I Parent Involvement Policy each school year to parents of students participating in the Title I program and involving parents in an annual review/revision of the policy.
  - ~ Hosting an annual district-wide meeting for parents of students in Title I programs to present information on Title I guidelines and procedures, describe how students benefit from Title I, discuss the importance of and ways to increase parent involvement, answer parent questions, and invite suggestions for improvement.
  - ~ Assisting and supporting schools in keeping parents informed regarding our academic progress and parent involvement opportunities, and in providing parents with educational resources/information.
- Encourage schools with Title I programs to coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies under Title I with other programs, such as PL221, Title III and High Ability.
- Based upon meaningful consultation with parents of children participating in Title I, establish and/or support programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its Title I schools.

- Provide Assistance in the transition from the preschool community to the kindergarten classroom.
  - Administer a kindergarten readiness assessment in the spring prior to entering kindergarten.
  - Provide a “jumpstart” summer school program to children who show need.
  - Distribute materials to help parents effectively work with their child at home.
  - Hold a kindergarten open house at the beginning of each school year.
  
- Support and foster its Title I schools in providing assistance to parents in understanding of the state’s academic standards, state and local academic assessments, the requirements of Title I, how to monitor their child’s progress and how to work with educators.
  - ~ Provide materials, workshops or informational meetings to help parents work with their children to improve their children’s academic achievement.
  - ~ Educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools.
  - ~ To the extent practicable, ensure that parent information is in a language that parents can understand.
  - ~ Involve parents in an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy in supporting school improvement and in identifying and removing barriers to greater parent participation in activities.

### **Expectations for Parent Involvement**

The School Town of Highland Board of Trustees intends that all parents of participating students will be provided with frequent and convenient opportunities for full and on-going participation in the Title I program. This shall include opportunities to jointly develop the Title I program plan and suggest modifications in the process for school review and improvement.

It is our intent for the district’s Title I program design to assist students in acquiring the competencies and achieving the goals established by law, as well as the goals and standards established by the School Town of Highland Board of Trustees. These goals and standards shall be shared with parents in a manner that will enable them to participate in decisions concerning their child’s education and monitor and improve the educational achievement of their child.

## **School Policy**

Each school receiving Title I funds must have a written school-level Title I Parent Involvement Policy that meets all legal requirements. The policy must be jointly developed with and distributed to parents of students participating in the Title I program and be updated annually.

The policy must contain a school-parent compact or agreement that outlines how parents, school staff and students will share the responsibility of improved academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help students.

Each year after the school-level Title I Parent Involvement Policy has been updated, a copy must be submitted to the district office.

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