

Parental Involvement Requirements in Title I Programs

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Title I Parental Involvement Requirements

- Six Types of Parental Involvement (08-09)
- Title I Parental Involvement Policy
- Title I School-Parent Compact
- Title I Annual Parent Meeting
- Assessing the Parental Involvement Component
- Providing Opportunities for Training Parents
- Title I Annual Review Meeting
- Informing Parents of Student Eligibility (TA)
- Informing Parents of Student Progress (TA)

Research shows that...

No matter the socioeconomic status, when parents are involved, students are more likely to ...

- Earn better grades
- Obtain better test scores
- Earn credits
- Pass courses
- Be promoted to the next grade
- Attend school regularly
- Have better social skills
- Graduate
- Continue their education
- Adapt to school

A New Wave of Evidence: The Impact of School, Family, and Community Connections on Student Achievement (2002).

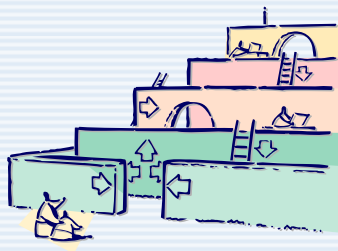
Not only are the students impacted, but...

- Parents become empowered
- Teacher morale is improved
- Student performance increases
- The community is strengthened



Common Forms of Parental Involvement

- Assisting with homework
- Classroom volunteers
- Field trip chaperone
- Member of the PTA
- Letters sent home with students
- Handbooks
- Conferences



“If a school uses the same old approach to involve families and community, it will get the same old lackluster results.”

Southwest Educational Development Laboratory (2000)

Six Types of Parental Involvement

- Based on the work of Dr. Joyce Epstein
- Requirement for 2008-2009 school year
- Look at what your school is currently doing
 - *An Inventory of Present Practices of School, Family, and Community Partnerships* handout

Six Types of Parental Involvement

- Parenting
- Communicating
- Learning at Home
- Volunteering
- Decision Making
- Collaborating with Community



Six Types of Parental Involvement Parenting

- Schools help families and caregivers understand the growth and development of their children.
- Help with...
 - Parenting and child-rearing skills.
 - Understanding child and adolescent development.
 - Establishing age and grade appropriate home conditions that support children as students.
- Families provide information to schools so educators and administrators can better understand families' backgrounds, cultures, and goals for their children.

Six Types of Parental Involvement Parenting – Sample Activities

- Hosting family learning workshops on topics suggested by parents, held at times and places easily accessible to all parents, and providing childcare.
- Providing families with information on child development.
- Providing families with information about developing home conditions that support school learning.
- Arranging support groups for families with special interests and needs.
- Providing guidance to parents on transitioning children to middle and high school.

Six Types of Parental Involvement Communicating

- School-to-home and home-to-school communications about the district, school, and classroom programs as well as student progress.
- Help with...
 - Understanding between school and home.
 - Cooperation between school and home.
 - Showing students that their parents and teachers are working together to help them succeed.
- Encourages families to provide reactions, ideas, and preferences to the school as well as ask questions about student progress and the school's programs.



Six Types of Parental Involvement Communicating – Sample Activities

- Scheduling parent-teacher-student conferences to establish student learning goals for the year.
- Staff members sending home positive messages about students.
- Staff members making home visits.
- Involving families in student award and recognition events.
- Encouraging and making provisions for staff members to communicate with parents about their children's progress several times each semester.

Six Types of Parental Involvement

Learning at Home

- Students are the primary participants in learning at home activities as their homework is essentially their responsibility. Families and parents can enhance the impact of learning at home through their involvement.
- Helps with...
 - Information and ideas about the academic work their children do in class.
 - Coordinating what is happening in the classroom and activities at home.
 - How to help their children with homework.
 - Communications with the teacher.

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Learning at Home – Sample Activities

- Having specific goals and activities that keep parents informed about and supportive of their children's homework.
- Offering learning activities and events for the whole family.
- Inviting parents to borrow resources from school libraries for themselves and their families.
- Helping parents understand student assessments, including report cards and testing, and how to help students improve.
- Including parents and other community members in developing children's learning outside of school activities.

Six Types of Parental Involvement

Volunteering

- Families are enabled to share their time and talent to support the school, classrooms, teachers, students, and their children.
- Volunteering does not have to take place within the school or classroom walls.
 - Helping in the library, computer room, family room, resource room, playground, or lunch room.
 - Assisting with after school programs or field trips.
 - Attending student performances, extra curricular activities, assemblies, celebrations, and other events.
- Volunteers tell students, faculty and the community that parents care about the school and its students.

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Volunteering – Sample Activities

- Gathering information about the level and frequency of family and community members participation in school programs.
- Offering youth service learning opportunities for students who want to volunteer in the community.
- Assisting school staff to learn how to work with parent and community volunteers.
- Offering volunteer opportunities for single parents.
- Having a program to recognize school volunteers.

Six Types of Parental Involvement Decision Making

- Parents' voices must be heard when it comes to decision making at the school.
- Helps with...
 - Enabling families to participate in decisions about the school's programs and activities that will impact their own and other children.
 - Involving all parents.
- Having families as true stakeholders in the school creates feelings of ownership of the school's programs and activities.

Six Types of Parental Involvement Decision Making – Sample Activities

- Encouraging parents to attend school improvement team meetings.
- Assigning staff members to help parents address concerns or complaints.
- Inviting staff and parent groups to meet collaboratively, providing space and time to do so.
- Helping families advocate for each other.
- Involving parents in
 - Planning orientation programs for new families
 - Developing parenting skills programs
 - Hiring staff members

Six Types of Parental Involvement

Collaborating with Community

- Communities have a significant role to play in the education, development, and well-being of students.
- Helps with...
 - Encouraging and supporting the cooperation between schools, families, community groups, organizations, agencies, and individuals.
 - Identifying and integrating community resources (human, economic, material, or social) to improve schools, strengthen families, and assist students to succeed.

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Collaborating with Community – Sample Activities

- Acting as a source of information and referral about services available for families in the community.
- Encouraging local civic and service groups to become involved in schools in a variety of ways such as mentoring students, volunteering, speaking to classes, and helping with fund-raising events.
- Encouraging staff and students to participate in youth service-learning opportunities.
- Opening school buildings for use by the community beyond the regular school hours.
- Having a program with local businesses that enhances student work skills.

Parental Involvement Policies

Must have a written
District Parental Involvement Policy
AND
A School Parental Involvement Policy

- Must include all necessary information—
Template
- Plan to distribute the policies to parents each
year
- Update the policies each year

School-Parent Compact

- Must have a written
school-parent compact
- Must include all
necessary
information—Template
- Plan to distribute the compact to parents
every year
- Update the compact each year



Annual Parent Meeting

- Preferably, held in the beginning of the school year
- Describes
 - The Title I program
 - How the Title I students will be assessed
 - How the parents will be kept informed
 - Parental involvement opportunities
- Document the meeting with minutes/agenda/sign-in sheets

Annual Assessment of Parental Involvement

- At the end of each school year
- Gives parents an opportunity to voice how effective and realistic the parental involvement plan was
- Must be documented
- Use the results of the assessment at the Annual Review Meeting

Assessing the Parental Involvement Component

- Done at the end of the school year
- Assesses the involvement of parents in Title I and the Title I program



- Documented—usually through a survey
- Notify parents of assessment results

Annual Review Meeting

- Preferably held at the end of the school year
- Review
 - All the components of Title I
 - Parent assessment results
 - Input from the classroom teachers



- Must be documented with minutes or agenda

Informing Parents of Student Eligibility (TA)

- Done after the student selection process is completed
- Written correspondence to parents
- May or may not require the letters to be returned—depends on what your letter says
- IF PARENT REFUSES, parent's signature must be on file

Informing Parents of Student Progress (TA)

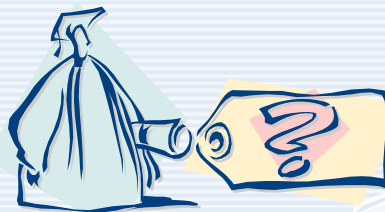
- Must use three different assessments per subject
- Assessments may be objective or subjective
- Placed in portfolio
- Results must be shared with parents
- Sent home at least two times a year, preferably more often

The Importance of Parental Involvement

“Studies show when parents and community members are engaged in schools, students perform better, attendance increases and dropout rates are lower.”



Questions or Comments



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