

# Elementary Parent Involvement Policy

## A. Policy Involvement

1. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved;

*Howard Elementary will have the meeting in April or May at the Elementary School. The meeting will be announced through the Miner County Pioneer and the school Refrigerator News.*

2. Offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement;

*As meetings are necessary the school will schedule them at a variety of times as needed according to parent needs/requests so more parents can attend meetings.*

3. Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including planning, review, and improvement of the school parental involvement policy;

*Parents are encouraged to contact staff giving suggestions,*

*Parents are involved as they can help plan at the annual meeting,*

*Parents are encouraged to visit school and are asked about the program,*

*Parents are asked to participate on committees and attend parent trainings.*

4. Provide parents of participating children –

- i. timely information about programs under this part;
- ii. a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and proficiency levels students are expected to meet; and
- iii. if requested by parents, opportunities, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any suggestions as soon as practically possible.

*Parents are notified of programs when they register their child for school. The curriculum is discussed in the elementary Refrigerator News and by individual teachers. Academic assessment is provided with student grades and Parent Teacher Conferences. Parents are encouraged to talk with staff about their child for immediate action and response. Parents can also put in writing suggestions and the school will respond in a timely fashion. The proficiency levels are discussed with relation to statewide testing and what is expected of the students.*

5. If the school wide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.

*Howard Elementary is a Targeted Assisted program and encourages parents to discuss the program and have input.*

## **B. Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement**

As a component of the school-level parental involvement policy, each school shall jointly develop with parents for all children served under this part a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved academic achievement.

*Each year the parent involvement policy and parent compact are reviewed at the annual meeting in April or May. Parents are encouraged to attend and give input to improve achievement.*

## **C. Building Capacity for involvement**

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, each school and local educational agency assisted under this part-

- a. Shall provide assistance to the parents of children served by the school or local education agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the State's academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children;

*Publications are sent explaining the content standards and achievement standards in the local paper and Elementary Refrigerator News. Parents are encouraged to come to school and/or ask questions as they relate to the standards etc...*

- b. Shall provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement;

*Publications and suggestions are attached and mailed with the Elementary Refrigerator News giving parents ideas to work with their children. Also, when applicable parent programs are available, dates are published and parents are encouraged to participate.*

- c. Shall educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school;

*Parents will be informed about trainings and encouraged to participate. The school will continue to send a monthly newsletter with attached Parent Connection. The school will encourage parents to attend workshops supporting parent school partnerships.*

- d. Shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, the Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more participation in the education of their children;

*The school will coordinate activities with other programs when available that support parent involvement and participation.*

- e. Shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand;

*The school will send announcements home with students and include information on meetings etc... in our monthly newsletter. As needed we will continue to print the announcements etc... in a language that parents can understand.*

- f. May involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training;
- g. May provide necessary literacy training from funds received under this part if the district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training;
- h. May pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school related meetings and training sessions;
- i. May train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;
- j. May arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation;
- k. May adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement;
- l. May establish a district parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parent involvement programs supported under this section;
- m. May develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities; and
- n. Shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this as parents may request.

## **D. Accessibility**

In carrying out the parental involvement requirements of this part, districts and schools, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents can understand.

*The school will continue to inform all parents through letters sent home and printed in our monthly newsletter about parental involvement programs and activities as needed. The letters will inform all parents, that all parents are important and are welcome to participate. The school will provide the information in a format and language that parents can understand.*

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