

PARKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60-4

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PARKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Title I (Section 1118 (a) (2))

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Policy Involvement:

1. Notify parents if their child is eligible for Title I assistance. Parent permission is required for enrollment in Title I. A letter explaining that their child has been selected will be sent to the parents. Letters will be signed and returned to the Title classroom in a timely manner.
 - a. Student eligibility is reviewed on an annual basis.
2. Inform and explain to parents about their school's participation in the Title I program and their right to be involved in the program planning.
 - a. An annual parent survey will be conducted in the spring. Feedback from this survey will be used to design strategies for program improvement.
 - b. Make a copy of this policy and other pertinent information available to Title I parents.

Shared Responsibilities:

3. Develop a school-parent compact that outlines how parents and the staff share the responsibility for student achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help serve the state's high standards.
4. Address the importance of communication between the parents and teachers.
 - a. Parents will be invited to confer with Title I staff during the fall and spring conferences which are held during the day and the evening.
 - b. Progress reports are discussed at fall and spring conferences.
 - c. Report cards are provided quarterly.
 - d. Inform parents of specific learning objectives and methods for their child at the regular parent-teacher conferences.
 - e. Title I Parents' Night is held once a year to discuss the policy and program. Childcare services are provided.
 - f. Additional parent meetings are welcomed and encouraged.

Building Capacity for Involvement:

5. Provide assistance to parents in understanding the South Dakota academic and content standards and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve achievement.
 - a. Parent Resource Network handouts for Content Standards
 - b. Parent Resource Network sessions offered in the evening
6. Provide materials to help parents to work with their children to improve their achievement.
 - a. Parent Resource Network handouts
 - b. Parker School website links
 - c. Title I or classroom teacher packets

7. Ensure that information related to schools and parent programs and meetings is sent to parents in a format that is practical and in a language parents can understand.
8. Form an Advisory Committee to provide advice on matters related to parental involvement.
 - a. This meeting will be held annually to evaluate the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy.
 - b. Parents will also be encouraged at this time to offer suggestions for other program improvements.
9. Title I funds (1%) may be used to pay *reasonable and necessary* expenses associated with parent involvement activities, including transportation, childcare or home visit expenses to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.

Accessibility:

10. To the extent practicable, provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. This would include information in a format to the extent practicable; in a language such parents can understand.

Parental Information and Resource Center:

11. Recognize the critical role parents play in the social, emotional, and academic growth of their children. The South Dakota Parent Resource Network (SDPRN) recognizes the importance of perennial involvement in children's education and facilitates the development of partnerships between families, schools, and communities. The SDPRN supports parents as active and engaged partners through a variety of educational resources and training events. The SDPRN can be reached at 1-800-219-6247 or www.sdpirc.org.