

2415.04 TITLE I PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

1. The Parsippany Troy Hills School District will invite parents annually to meet to provide input in the development of the district's Title I Parental Involvement Plan, based on the district's Title I Parental Involvement Policy.
2. The Parsippany Troy Hills School District will invite parents to participate in an annual survey to provide input regarding Title I program evaluation.
3. The Parsippany Troy Hills School District will provide the necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance. The district will support professional development opportunities to train teachers in the design and delivery of parent and/or family programs, provide the use of facilities for such activities, and provide financial support for teacher implementation of such programs.
4. In order to determine the effectiveness of the Title I Parent Involvement Policy, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum will conduct an annual survey of parents with results to be shared with parents at an annual meeting. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its Parental Involvement Policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parent involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.
5. The Parsippany Troy Hills School District will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following activities:
6. Through annual parent meetings at the district and school levels, through "parent education nights," through participation on school objectives committees, through reports of testing results, and through regularly-scheduled parent conferences, the school district will provide assistance to Title I parents in understanding the following: the State's academic content standards, the State's student academic achievement standards, the State and local assessments, the requirements of Part A, how to monitor their child's progress, and how to work with educators.



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7. Through school-based parent workshops, the district will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement.
8. Through targeted professional development opportunities, the school district will, with the assistance of its schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, Principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools.
9. The school district will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of Title I children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand: school newsletters, parent notices sent home, website postings, PTA announcements.

This district-wide Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I programs. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of Title I children at the beginning of each academic year.

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