



Title I 2008-2009 *NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND*

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Harrison County Federal Programs Parental Involvement Policy

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PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

The Harrison County Board of Education Title I agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school district will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- Consistent with section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- The school district will incorporate this district wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school district and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the State Department of Education.

- The school district will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- The school district will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

(A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning;

(B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school;

(C) that parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;

(D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

- The school district will inform parents and parental organizations of the purpose and existence of the Parental Information and Resource Center (HCPERC) in the District.

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW DISTRICT WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED DISTRICT WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. The Harrison County Board of Education Title I will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district wide parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA:
 - **The LEA Parent Advisory Council in collaboration with the LEA staff will review and revise the parent involvement policy annually.**
 - **Schools will include parents on their Title I committees to write the parent involvement policy for each school.**
 - **Each school will send a parent representative to a monthly meeting for updates on current issues, parent/teacher training and new information.**
2. The Harrison County Board of Education Title I will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:
 - **Identify parents from each Title I feeder area or school to serve on the LEA Parent Advisory Council which will meet monthly.**
 - **Encourage each school to identify parents who will participate in reviewing and commenting on the school’s parent involvement policy at the annual spring meeting.**

- **The LEA will post a district-wide parent survey online at both the county’s website and also on the Federal Program’s website as well as make it available to parents at each school site in writing.**
 - **Schools will survey annually the parents to determine needs and preferences as the schools and LEA write an action plan annually.**
3. The Harrison County Board of Education Title I will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:
- **Collaborate regularly with the Harrison County Parent Advisory Council to overcome barriers to parent participation at the schools level.**
 - **Work with the Title I and/or school staff at each site to provide resources, and expertise in training parents to work with their child and teachers to work with their parents to promote academic growth.**
 - **Disseminate a monthly newsletter and other information to the schools that will enable them to meet the needs of parents as they work with their child at home.**
 - **Provide technical support and leadership to the schools and their Title I and/or professional personnel as they work with the parents in their school to improve achievement.**
 - **Provide resources and support in collaboration with the Parent Educator Resource Center.**
4. The Harrison County Board of Education Title I will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual meeting to evaluate the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. 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 parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.
- **Schools will conduct a parent survey to determine needs of both the parents and students forwarding a summary of results to the LEA.**
 - **LEA and the PERC (Parent Educational Resource Center) will use the results of schools surveys as they work with the Parent Advisory Council to determine parent needs or design future activities/services for parents.**

The Harrison County Board of Education Title I will build the schools’ and parent’s 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 specifically described below:

- Frequent and regular conferences and training sessions that are varied in time and place to meet the needs of parents.
- Provide information related to the child's academic performs through the review of WESTEST, DIBELS, and West Virginia Writing Assessment.
- Provide technical expertise when needed to schools that will assist parents in their knowledge and understanding of their child's academic performance.

PART IV. ADOPTION

This District wide Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by those parents listed below.

This policy is distributed to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before the end of the first month of school.

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 (Date)

Comments:

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Harrison County Schools notifies parents of their right to request information on their children's teacher's qualifications: Meeting state certification requirements for grade level and subject taught; whether teaching via provisional waiver or emergency permit; degree major and graduate certification and the field discipline.

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