

TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT CORPORATION POLICY

This policy and the plan to implement it have been developed and reviewed through the joint efforts of parents and the school corporation. The policy is developed in compliance with the legal requirement of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (PL 107-110, Section 1118) It shall be available for distribution to the parents of any student participating in the Title I Program.

EXPECTATIONS FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT

It is the intent of the Lake Central School Corporation that parents of participating students are provided with frequent and convenient opportunities to participate in the Title I Program, including opportunities to jointly develop the Title I Program Plan and suggest modifications, based on changing needs of parents and the schools for school improvement.

Any written comments indicating parents' dissatisfaction with the District Title I Program must be collected and submitted along with the Title I Application for grant to the Indiana Division of Compensatory Education.

The Lake Central Title I program is designed to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education. Lake Central values the role that parents play in the education of their children. They are their child's first teacher and continue to have significant influence on a child's academic achievement. Recognizing the importance of the parent-school partnership, Lake Central strives to develop a shared responsibility for student academic achievement by providing opportunities for parents to participate in decisions concerning their child's education. To this end, Lake Central School Corporation will:

1. Conduct an annual meeting for parents of Title I students to provide information about Title I programming to include the following:
 - a. Selection criteria for participation.
 - b. An overview of the program specifics for each Title I school.
 - c. Instructional methods
 - d. Parental rights to request information about the qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals in their school
 - e. Review and revision of the corporation Title I Parent Involvement Policy.

This meeting will be held during the month of September. Childcare will be provided during the meeting to allow more parents to participate.

2. In order to promote the schools' and parents' capacity to form a strong partnership and work towards higher student achievement, The Lake Central School Corporation will provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist each Title I school in the planning and implementing of effective parental involvement opportunities. Support measures may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Each Title I school will offer two out-reach opportunities for parents during the school year. The programming will cover a range of topics to support the family's efforts to improve reading and math skills. Topics will include "Make-It & Take-It" activities for students and parents, information on how to support a child's oral reading and/or comprehension, and how to support math concepts at home.
 - b. Making information available in a format and, to the extent possible, in language parents can understand.
 - c. Providing assistance to parents of children served in understanding topics related to a child's education including State academic content standards, student academic achievement standards, and information related to monitoring of student progress. Parents will be provided assistance in working with the educational staff to improve academic achievement of the student.
 - d. Providing resources to assist in communicating with parents, providing child-care for meetings, encouraging them to use available parent resource centers and working with them to improve parenting skills, particularly those that will assist them in working with their child to improve his/her educational achievements. Resources may include individuals, agencies, materials and services.
 - e. Sharing options for coordinating and integrating Title I Program strategies with services of other community programs, businesses and agencies as currently done with local private pre-school providers including Head Start and the district's special education preschool.

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- f. Identifying ways in which parents can be involved in professional development activities to demonstrate the value of parent involvement and various techniques designed to successfully engage parents as equal partners in their children's education.
- g. Designing and conducting an effective evaluation process whereby parents' ideas about the content and effectiveness of this policy and the plan designed to implement it are essential. Lake Central Schools will work with parents to determine:
 - Barriers that may limit parent participation
 - Strategies that can be used that will lead to more effective and increased parental participation and input.
 - Necessary revisions to the corporation parent involvement policies.
- h. Ensuring that the results of each evaluation will be used to plan activities and materials designed for parents, particular attention must be given to reaching and involving those who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background.
- i. Providing to educators, professional development, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of parental contributions to a child's education including outreach, communication, and coordination of efforts that build strong partnerships with parents in the educational development of students.
- j. Providing other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under Section 1118 as requested by parents.

SCHOOL POLICY

Each school must submit its Title I School Parent Involvement Policy, which must meet all legal requirements. This policy must be developed jointly with and distributed by the school to parents of participating students.

A copy of each school's parent involvement policy shall be kept on file with the school's Title I Program Plan in the Central Office.

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