

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

1. That parents play an integral role in assisting their student's learning;
2. That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their student's education at school;
3. That parents are full partners in their student's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their student; and
4. That parents are involved in identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parent involvement activities.

The St. Maries Joint School District No. 41 Schoolwide Title I Program will encourage parent participation at the UpRiver School on an annual basis in the following manner:

1. Facilitate regular, meaningful two-way communication by;
  - A. Inform parents of their student's progress periodically via parent conferences, progress reports, and phone contact/conversations during the school year with flexibility; and
  - B. Encourage Title I parent involvement within the school during parent-teacher conferences and through parent volunteer programs and parent-teacher organizations (PTO).
2. Form a Schoolwide Title I Building League Team (BLT) that will advocate parental involvement and provide input for the program, specifically:
  - A. Review the Program goals;
  - B. Review the annual UpRiver Schoolwide Title I Budget to establish how the parent involvement funds will be used and to evaluate the use of the funds;
  - C. Conduct an annual review of the Title I Program and Plan for School Improvement;
  - D. Review annually and when necessary, revise the Parent Compact prior to annual distribution;

- E. Review annually and when necessary, revise the Parent Involvement Plan prior to annual distribution; and
  - F. Any parent of a student at UpRiver School is eligible to serve on this committee. The BLT will meet twice each year (fall and spring).
3. UpRiver School will conduct an annual meeting and invite (in writing) parents of all Title I students and the building principal/lead teacher to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to:
- A. Explain the UpRiver Schoolwide Title I Program and the right of parents to be involved in the school and their student's education;
  - B. Explain how Schoolwide Title I is funded;
  - C. Explain how Schoolwide Title I services are delivered;
  - D. Explain the instructional alignment of classroom and Title I support with State achievement measures and curricular standards;
  - E. Explain the Program evaluation;
  - F. Provide materials and resources for parents to help their students at home; and
  - G. Provide an opportunity for parents to communicate their needs, concerns or comments about the Schoolwide Title I Program.
4. Build the capacity of parents to support their student's learning at home by:
- A. Conduct a family activity;
  - B. Provide opportunities for parents to attend workshops or in-service activities; and
  - C. Provide materials to help parents work with their students to improve their academic achievement.

**Policy Cross Reference:**

Board Policy 1001.06 Title I Parent Involvement

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