

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 Heyburn Elementary School on an annual basis in the following manner:

1. Facilitate regular, meaningful two-way communication by;
  - A. Notify student's parents in writing – letter, partnership agreement, and parent involvement plan, in a timely manner (in this format and, to the extent possible, will be in a language that parents can understand and other formats requested) that the student is eligible to receive Title I services;
  - B. Inform parents of their student's progress periodically via parent conferences, progress reports, and phone contact/conversations during the school year with flexibility; and
  - C. 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 Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) that will advocate parental involvement and provide input for the program, specifically:
  - A. Review the Program goals;
  - B. Review the annual Heyburn Elementary 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 Schoolwide Title I Program and Plan for School Improvement;
  - D. Review annually, and when necessary, revise the Parent Partnership Agreement;
  - E. Review annually, and when necessary, revise the Parent Involvement Plan; and
  - F. Any parent of a student at Heyburn Elementary School is eligible to serve on this committee. The PAC will meet twice each year (fall and spring).
3. Heyburn Elementary School will conduct an annual meeting and invite (in writing) parents of all Title I students and the building principal to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to:
- A. Explain the Heyburn Elementary 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 Schoolwide Title I support with State achievement measures and curricular standards;
  - E. Explain the curriculum, academic assessments used to measure student progress and proficiency levels students are expected to meet;
  - F. Explain the Program evaluation;
  - G. Provide materials and resources for parents to help their students at home; and
  - H. 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;
- C. Provide materials to help parents work with their students to improve their academic achievement
- D. Provide reasonable support for parental involvement activities as requested by parents (including transportation and childcare costs); and
- E. Coordinate parent involvement programs/activities with Head Start, the St. Maries Public Library, and Heyburn Elementary School's Developmental Pre-School.

**Policy Cross Reference:**

Board Policy 1001.06      Title I Parent Involvement

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