

McKeesport Area School District Title I Parent Involvement Policy

It is the policy of the McKeesport Area School District to involve parents and/or guardians in all aspects of their children's education. We recognize the importance of parents/guardians in the learning and education of each child. Teaching and learning can take place in school and any time parents and children do things together. Everyone gains when the school and home work together to foster high achievement. Neither home nor school can do the job alone.

The McKeesport Area School District Title I staff and parent team has developed the following Parent Involvement Policy:

1. At all Title I schools, parents will be invited to meet with the school staff to discuss the following:
 - a. The Title I program, funding, purpose, and how the Title I fund will be used
 - b. Explanation and signing of the Parent-School compact, which outlines how parents, the school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement
 - c. Opportunities to develop topics and plan for other Title I activities
2. During each school year, an opportunity will be provided to examine the Title I program and Parent-School-Student Compact, and make suggestions for changes.
3. Title I staff will participate with the classroom teacher in scheduled parent- teacher conferences when they occur.

4. Parents have the opportunity to meet with Title I staff upon request.
5. Parent Workshops will be provided on topics identified through parent feedback.
6. Parents may request suggestions for ways to help their child at home, which will be provided by a Title I Parent Liaison.
7. Program plans and evaluations are addressed through faculty/parent meetings.
8. Parent involvement activities may take place outside the schools, in places convenient for parents, such as the public library, community center, or local restaurants.
9. Every attempt will be made to eliminate barriers (such as disabilities, limited English proficiency, or limited literacy) to full participation by parents.
10. The parent involvement program will develop and promote coordination between the school district and all community preschool programs such as First Steps, Head Start, high school Child Care classes, Tender Care, and Long Run Children's Learning Center.
11. The parent involvement program will be a coordinated effort of the entire school staff.
12. Parents of children in Title 1 schools may request and receive timely information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers.

McKeesport Area School District's Parent Involvement Policy was reviewed during the Annual Title 1 Review on May 21, 2014