



**TITLE I
PARENT INVOLVEMENT
REQUIREMENTS**



State Parent Advisory Council
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PURPOSE OF SESSION

- o To review the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Parent Involvement requirements:
 - Of the Local Education Agencies (LEAs)/school district, the schools and the Pennsylvania Department of Education(PDE), including:
 - The Title I Plan
 - Reservation of Funds - Parent Involvement set aside
 - Parent Involvement Policies
 - Parent Notifications
 - School Parent Compacts
 - Building Capacity



PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN TITLE I

- o Section 1118 of No Child Left Behind
- o To receive Title I funds, school districts must involve Title I parents in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the Title I program.



NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND(NCLB) DEFINITION OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT

NCLB defines parental involvement as the participation of parents in **regular, two-way and meaningful** communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, ensuring:

- that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory communities to assist in the education of their child; and
- that other activities are carried out, such as those described in section 1118 of NCLB (Parental Involvement).

NCLB MANDATES PARENT INVOLVEMENT

NCLB provides provisions for parents to be involved in the education of their children.

Section 1118 provides policies to increase parent involvement at various levels.

- State
- LEA(district)
- School



AREAS OF LEA RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Development of the Title I Plan

LEA Parent Involvement Policy

Annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the LEA Parent Involvement Policy

Reservation of Funds

- 1% of Title I allocation if over \$500,000
 - 95% of these funds must be distributed to buildings for parent involvement activities
 - Funds reserved in excess of 1% may be used for district wide parent activities.

Parent Right to Know Requirements

Involvement and outreach to parents of LEP students

TITLE I PLAN - CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

Title I parents (including parents of Title I children in nonpublic schools) must be involved in planning and developing the Title I program.

If the plan is not satisfactory to parents, the LEA must submit parent comments with the plan.

It must be updated annually.

HOW?

- Meetings, workshops, etc.



LEA PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

LEAs must have a written LEA Parent Involvement Policy in order to receive Title I funds.

Policy must include how the LEA will:

- Involve parents in developing the plan.
- Provide support in developing effective parent involvement.
- Build capacity for strong parent involvement.
- Coordinate parent involvement activities with other programs.
- Conduct annual evaluation of the policy.



LEA PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

The LEA Parent Involvement Policy must be updated annually with parent involvement.

The LEA Parent Involvement Policy must be disseminated to all Title I parents annually.

Multiple methods are preferred, but not required

- Mail
- Website
- Newsletters
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Handbook



PURPOSE OF AN LEA POLICY

- To outline and set the expectations for the LEA's parent involvement program.
- Build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parent involvement.
- Coordinate and integrate strategies with other programs such as Head Start, Even Start, etc.
- Conduct, with the involvement of Title I parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of Title I LEA Policy.
- LEA Policy needs to describe (the process for) how the district will:
 - Involve Title I parents in the writing of the Title I plan for the following year.
 - Provide coordination and training for staff in Title I schools to implement effective parent strategies.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF YORK - PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

- First 8 points are the minimum requirement of the LEA policy.
- Next sections go above and beyond what is required.
- Discusses the annual meeting and any additional PI meetings.
- Discusses the school-parent compact.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT SET ASIDE

- According to NCLB, LEAs must reserve 1% of Title I allocation, if over \$500,000.
 - 95% of these funds must be distributed to buildings.
- LEAs must comply with parent involvement requirements even if 1% reservation is not applicable.



PARENTAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

- o Parent Right to Know
 - Right to know and request the qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals teaching your children.
 - LEAs must notify parents if their child is taught for 4 consecutive weeks by a teacher or paraprofessional that is not highly qualified.

LEP STUDENTS

- LEAs must have effective outreach to parents of LEP students.
- Provide documentation in a language the parents can understand.
- Inform parents of the program.



SCHOOL LEVEL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Written School Level Parent Involvement Policy
- Parent Right to Know Requirements
- School-Parent Compacts (Shared Responsibilities for High Student Performance)
- Annual meeting to inform parents of the school's Title I program
- Conduct an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the school PI activities
- Build Capacity for Strong Parent Involvement
