

District: Nettleton School District
Section: L - Organizational Relations
Policy Code: LA - Parental Engagement

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

This school board reaffirms the school district's strong commitment to the role of parents in their children's education and to effective, comprehensive parental involvement. In this policy, "parent" is intended to include parents, guardians, and other family members involved in supervising the child's schooling. Parental/family involvement in a child's learning is a critical link to achieve academic success and to promote a safe and disciplined learning environment.

Schools and families will work together to ensure that the educational process includes quality learning at home, in school, and in the community.

The district objectives and strategies related to enhancing parental involvement are outlined as follows:

- ❑ **To involve parents in the joint development of a plan and process of school review and improvement**
 - Involve parent representatives in the planning process for creating the School Wide Plans and the Consolidated Federal Programs Application
 - Ensure that each school planning committee involves parent representation
- ❑ **To provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities and programs**
 - Require each school to develop/revise an annual school-level parental involvement plan which describes specific activities or strategies to be conducted throughout the current school year
 - At the beginning of each school year, allocate appropriate federal funds to each school for activities and/or publications related to required and optional parent involvement strategies
 - On an annual basis, plan and provide professional development related to effective parent involvement strategies for administrators, faculty and staff
- ❑ **To build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement through an open and positive working environment**
 - Assist schools in determining, planning and promoting parent involvement activities for each school year based on the District Parental Involvement Policy
 - Provide public notice to parents of district-wide events
 - Actively support school-level events and activities

- Parents will be invited to participate in Kindergarten registration/orientation, Open House, and other parent involvement activities provided by each school.
- **To consistently and effectively communicate (including alternate language formats) with parents concerning (but not limited to) the following issues: state and local academic content and achievement standards as well as academic assessment requirements; federal, state, and local programs that directly involve student involvement and benefit**
- Provide schools with guidance and resources to target the aforementioned topics through publications, speakers, public announcements, etc.
- **To provide materials and training on how to improve achievement and monitor progress as well as how to understand assessments and curriculum**
- Provide schools with guidance and resources to target helping parents to improve student achievement and monitor student progress through workshops, publications, speakers, public announcements, etc.
- **To conduct evaluations of the effectiveness of the parental involvement policy and to use the results of the annual evaluation to design strategies for school improvement and, if necessary, for revising the policies**
- conduct a meeting/survey or other method to solicit school and parent feedback in reviewing and revising the District Parental Involvement Policy
- Ensure schools conduct an evaluation process to review effectiveness of planned events
- Provide parents and students with the opportunity to develop/revise School Compacts.
- **To provide parents, upon request, with the qualifications of teachers and/or paraprofessionals that directly offer instruction to their child(ren)**
- Provide schools with guidance and resources to address the request for teacher and paraprofessional qualifications
- **To provide parents with notification of any non-qualified teacher that must provide instruction to students for a period of four (4) or more consecutive weeks**
- Provide schools with guidance and resources to provide parents with the notification for extended leave of certified staff

*It is the intention of the district and schools through the Parental Involvement Policy/Plan to assist parents in facilitating the highest possible learning standards for their student(s) as well as assist parents in forming supportive working relations with administrators, teachers, and other school staff.

**Individual school activities for parental involvement are coordinated and implemented according to the above outlined district policies/objectives. Each school is required to develop/revise an annual school-level parental involvement plan in which will describe such specified activities and consequently evaluate the effectiveness of the activities.

***The Parental Involvement Policy will be reviewed each year to offer parents an opportunity to provide input concerning issues and activities of the district-wide policy as well as school level activities.

The Mississippi Public School Accountability Standard for this policy is standard 18.

LEGAL REF.: *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*

CROSS REF.: Policies KB - Public Information Program

KCB - Community Involvement in Decisionmaking

LAA - Title I Parent Involvement

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