

West Islip Union Free School District

School, Family and Community Partnership Districtwide Parental Involvement Policy

PART I. General Expectations

The West Islip Union Free School District will implement the following statutory requirements:

- The District will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with Section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- Consistent with Section 1118, the District will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of Section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with Section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- The school district will incorporate this districtwide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under Section 1112 of the ESEA.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the District and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under Section 1112 of the ESEA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the District will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the State Education Department.
- The District will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the one percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- The District will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, and will ensure:

(A) that parents play an important role in helping their child to learn;

(B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;

(C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;

(D) that all activities described by the law are included in our plans

PART II. Description of How District Will Implement Required District Wide Parental Involvement Policy Components

The West Islip Union Free School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its districtwide parental involvement plan under Section 1112 of the ESEA and the process of school review and improvement under Section 1116 of the ESEA:

- Title I parents will be asked to serve on the Shared Decision-Making Committee for Udall Road Middle School.
- Bi-monthly parent meetings will be held throughout the school year.
- The Parent Involvement Policy will be posted on the District website.
- The District will conduct an end-of-year survey of the policy plan.

The District will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

- Parent Academy workshops will be coordinated through the Office of Curriculum and Instruction.
- Parent and community presentations will be offered by the District and Udall Road Middle School faculty and administration.
- Information and resources will be available via the District's website, student management system, eBoards, etc.
- Report cards will be made available to parents four times each year.
- Progress reports and/or progress monitoring data will be available to parents throughout the school year.
- Parent communication via phone calls, letters, and conferences will be expected of all educators.

The District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs:

- Reading Fundamentals

- Achieve 3000
- Response to Intervention Universal Screener ~ Student Reading Inventory
- Go Math! Skills Inventory
- Student Mentor Program
- Peer Tutoring
- Classroom support
- Before and/or after school support

The District will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will identify barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.

- Bi-monthly parent meetings will be planned throughout the school year.
- Parent Academies will be offered on a variety of topics.
- Principal Coffee Houses will be held periodically.
- An end-of-year survey of the policy plan will be administered.

The District will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

A. The District will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the District or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:

- the State's academic content standards,
- the State's student academic achievement standards,
- the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- the requirements of Part A,
- how to monitor their child's progress, and
- how to work with educators.

Activities to support the goals listed above will include:

- New Student Orientation
- Back to School Open House
- Parent Resource Center
- Conferences

- PTA/Title I Parent Meetings
 - Homework Support
- B. The District will, with the assistance of its schools, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement.
- C. The District will, with the assistance of its schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, through:
- Shared Decision Making Committee
 - School, Family, & Community Partnership
 - PTA meetings
 - Professional development on the use of the student management system and parent portal
- D. The District will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with community programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:
- Shared Decision Making Committee
 - School, Family, & Community Partnership
 - West Islip Parent Resource Center
- E. The school district will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent- programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:
- Use of translators
 - Mailings, emails, and phone call reminders
 - Website

PART III. Discretionary Districtwide Parental Involvement Policy Components

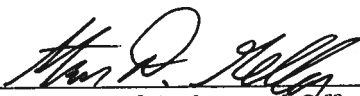
The West Islip School District will seek to improve parental involvement by:

- providing workshops to help support student learning;
- enabling parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions;
- training parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;
- arranging school meetings at a variety of times between teachers or other educators, so parents who are unable to attend those conferences at school may participate in their child's education.

PART IV. Adoption

This Districtwide Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by review by the Udall Road Middle School Shared Decision Making Committee, Udall Road Middle School Parent Teacher Association, and the West Islip Board of Education.

This policy was adopted by the West Islip School District on 07/05/2016 and will be in effect for the period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before September 6, 2016.



(Signature of Authorized Official)
7/5/2016

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