



Mitchell School District 17-2

POLICY

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PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN TITLE PROGRAMS

MSD 103

Part I. – Mitchell School District's expectations for parental involvement:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- (a) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- (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;

Part II.

The Mitchell School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its districtwide parental involvement plan:

(a) The district will

1. Schedule, conduct, and document a district-wide parent meeting each fall.
2. All parents will be invited to attend the meeting.
3. Parents attending the district-wide parent committee will review the district-wide parental involvement plan and determine revisions based on evaluations and surveys from the previous year's activities.
4. Avoid barriers to greater participation by parents who are economically disadvantaged, disabled, have limited English proficiency, limited literacy, and/or of any racial or ethnic minority background by:
 - including ALL parents so no one feels unnecessarily identified or pointed out,
 - holding all meetings and activities in locations easily accessible
 - providing a translator and/or family liaison
 - providing non-threatening activities and teachers to assist to ensure all families are able and comfortable participating
 - reaching out to any family who seems reluctant and uncomfortable in attending

(b) The objective of parent involvement in the Mitchell School District is to establish a safe environment where parents feel comfortable coming. By setting this precedence of a welcoming and comfortable place, parents will be more confident and willing to come to other events (parent-teacher conferences, meetings, concerts) at the school. Our goal is for parents to get more involved in their children's education.

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

1. Each school will provide support to parents by hosting at least one parent/family involvement event each year.
 2. The district's Title I Director and each school's administration will help to facilitate the event and attend the event.
 3. Parent Involvement funds will be used to host events, provide trainings or resources materials to support parents in assisting their child's academic success.
 4. Monthly school-to-home newsletter will include information and activities to help parents support their child at home.
- (d) The Mitchell School District will build the capacity for strong parental involvement and interactions by utilizing the following strategies:
1. Provide resources to new families in the district (public library cards, educational family games, reading books, etc.)
 2. Help families make community connections
 3. Identify community supports available
 4. A variety of other possibilities include
 - Library night
 - Open-house night
 - Title III Kick-off Dinner
 - Book Fair
 - Family Math Night
 - Bingo Night

Part III. This District-Wide Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of elementary-aged students.

