

TITLE I PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

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The Martin County Board of Education believes that the education of children is a cooperative effort between parents and schools. Parents are their children's first teachers and involvement by parents improves the educational achievement of their children. We believe that the involvement of Title I parents increases the effectiveness of the program and contributes significantly to the success of the children. The Martin County Schools Title I staff will strive to involve parents in activities throughout the school year.

The principal of each Title I school in Martin County will meet with their school advisory committee to decide the most effective procedure for soliciting input from the parents of eligible Title I children. Additionally, parents shall be involved in the formulation of both LEA and school improvement plans.

The Martin County Schools Title I staff will also consult with individual parents of students being served. Parents will be given the opportunity to confer with their child's Title I teacher. Parents will be informed of the program that has been planned for their child and his/her progress will be reported. Parents will be invited to visit the Title I classrooms and to volunteer in schools. This parent involvement policy will be made available to all parents and will be posted in each school and on the system and school websites.

The Title I staff (at the request of parents) will be supportive of and provide opportunities for:

- (a) regular parent meetings for the purpose of formulating input into the program;
- (b) parent-initiated involvement activities;
- (c) the coordination of parental involvement activities with programs under the Elementary and Secondary School Act (formerly known as the No Child Left Behind Act);
- (d) the annual evaluation of the LEA parental involvement policy and individual school parent involvement policies;
- (e) building capacity for the involvement of all parents of students in Title I schools through school and district efforts;
- (f) coordinating and integrating parental involvement strategies under Title I with parental involvement strategies of other educational programs; and
- (g) the creation of a webpage upon which Title I information will be placed and regularly updated.

Legal References: No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; 20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.; 20 U.S.C. 7801(32); State Board of Education Policy TCS-R-000

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