

Heard County Elementary School

Parent Involvement Policy

2018-2019 School Year



Heard County ES

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What is Title I?

Heard County Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop, with all parents, a written involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

In order to create an equal partnership between the school and parents to improve student academic achievement, the school and parents will jointly create a Parental Involvement Policy. The policy establishes the school's expectations for parental involvement and outlines how the school will implement various activities to support family engagement and promote student learning.

How is it developed and revised?

Heard County Elementary invites all parents annually to attend the Title I Planning meeting in order to jointly develop Title I documents. During this meeting, parents and staff members will have an opportunity to review and revise the Parent Involvement Policy, the School-Parent Compact, the Calendar of Events, the Title I Schoolwide Plan and goals as well as the Title I budgets, including how funds allotted for parent involvement will be utilized. Feedback was offered by parents during the Title I Planning Meeting in response to the Title documents and budgets. Additional times and dates to review draft documents and budgets and to provide feedback and input were offered to parents prior to their completion. To accommodate parent needs, drafts of all Title I documents were also posted on the schools website along with an online feedback form. Parents unable to attend the Title I Planning Meeting were invited to visit the website, front office, or request copies to be sent home. The feedback will be reviewed and revised annually during the Title I Planning Meeting.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this policy. Heard County ES will provide as many opportunities as possible for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. Information will be provided in a family friendly format.

Where is it available?

All Title I documents listed above are posted on the school's website. Additional copies are available in the front office. Title I School-Parent Compact Cover sheet will be distributed during the fall semester. New students and their families will receive all documents upon registration.

8 2017-2018 Goals of Heard County Schools:

All schools in the district will attain high student achievement through exemplary instruction.

2018-19 Goals of Heard County Elementary:

- Increase the number of students who are reading at or above grade level
- Increase the writing proficiency of all students
- Increase mastery of standards in measurement & data and numbers & operations
- Increase the mastery of standards in Physical Science
- Increase the mastery of standards in History

The focus for increased student achievement for reading and writing will be attained through small group instruction, use of technology to improve instruction, and through training with our county Reading and Technology Specialist.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Heard County Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from all stakeholders during the parent planning and review meeting. The school-parent compacts are kept in the Parent Resource Center.



Let's Get Together! / Involvement Matters!

Heard County HS will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement:

Open House – August 1, 2018

- ✓ You are invited to meet your child's teacher and learn about grade specific expectations to ensure a successful school year.

Monthly Coffee and Chat with the Counselor- August 2018-May 2019

- ✓ Come chat with the Counselor once a month. Learn new strategies on how to work with your child on behavioral and academic skills. See attached calendar list for dates and look for monthly flyers.

PTO Night- August 30, 2018 @ 6:30pm

- ✓ Come participate in fun literacy activities. Read with some HCES staff, play Literacy Bingo, and more.

Fall Festival – September 28, 2018

- ✓ Come join us for a night of fun. There will be lots of fun activities to participate in.

PTO Meet the Faculty (Pre K)- October 25, 2018 @ 6:30pm

- ✓ Come meet our excellent Pre K teachers. Enjoy an awesome performance from our Pre K students.

Veteran's Day Assembly- November 9, 2018

- ✓ Come join us for a time to honor our local Veteran's.

PTO K-2 Performance December 6, 2018 @ 6:30pm

- ✓ K-2 students will be showcased during this PTO event.

Family Christmas Luncheon December 18, 2018

- ✓ Students, Parents, and Staff are invited to enjoy a nice Christmas meal together.

PTO 3-5 Performance - March 21, 2018- 6:30pm

- ✓ 3-5 students will be showcased during this PTO event.

Title I Planning Meeting-April Date TBD

- ✓ We invite you to be part of the decision-making for Title I by attending this meeting to review/revise drafts of Title I documents and budgets for the 2018-2019 school year.

****Please look for flyers and other forms of communication to keep up to date on all the exciting events that Heard County ES has to offer. You can also go to the school website for upcoming events.**

Parental Involvement

Heard County Elementary believes that parental involvement means participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including 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 committees to assist in the education of their child.

Parent Center

The parent center is located in the room next to the Front Conference Room.

Open Monday through Friday

7:10am-3:15pm

Heard County Elementary – Parents as Partners

Heard County Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is posted on the school Website and included in weekly newsletters.
- Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled grade level meetings.
- Partner with Head Start programs by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their children for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- Share information in school newsletters for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, Remind 101, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our parents on best practices.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input cards at the front desk and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

