

Northern Cass School District Policies

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Title I Northern Cass School District/School Parental Involvement Policy

Part I. DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS

Each school district must establish the district's expectations for parental involvement. [Section 1118(a)(2), ESEA.]

The **Northern Cass School District** agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school district will put into operation programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I programs. Those programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- The school district will ensure the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the Title I requirements, and include a school-parent compact.
- The school district will incorporate this district-wide parental involvement policy into its district plan.
- In carrying out the Title I parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school district will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited
 - English proficiency
 - Disabilities
 - Of migratory children
 - Including providing information and school reports

In an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

- If the district plan for Title I is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the Department of Public Instruction.
- The school 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, including ensuring-

- (A) That parents/guardians play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- (B) That parents/guardians are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*

- (C) *That parents/guardians 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) *The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of ESEA.*
- The school district will inform parents/guardians and parental organizations of the purpose and existence of the Parental Information and Resource Center in North Dakota (i.e., NDPASS in Minot, ND).

Part II. DISTRICT/SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY REQUIRED COMPONENTS

1. The **Northern Cass School District** will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district/school parental involvement plan:

The Northern Cass Public School personnel will jointly work with parents in the following ways:

- o *Annual Fall Title I Parent Meeting*
 - o *The Parental Involvement Policy will be reviewed at the Annual Fall Title I Parent Meeting*
 - o *Parent surveys regarding program improvement*
2. The **Northern Cass School District** will convene an annual meeting to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved.
 3. The **Northern Cass School District** will offer a flexible number of meetings and may provide transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services related to parental involvement:

The Northern Cass Public School personal will provide numerous opportunities for parent meetings, including the following:

- o *Back to school night*
- o *Annual Fall Title I Parent Meeting*
- o *Scheduled individual parent meetings*
- o *Parent/Teacher conferences (childcare offered to families)*

Parents with transportation or daycare concerns in regards to these meetings are encouraged to contact Title I personnel at the school.

4. The **Northern Cass School District** will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
5. The **Northern Cass School District** will build the school's and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

- a. The school/district will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
 - *Title I Progress Reports*
 - *State and local academic assessments- These assessments will also be reviewed during the Annual Fall Title I Parent Meeting. Assessment results will be distributed to parents through mailings, school website postings, documents sent home, and online. Title I staff will provide assistance in understanding these assessments and the Title I requirements.*
 - *ND State Standards*
 - *Progress Monitoring*
- b. The school/district will provide parents of participating children, if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practically possible.
- c. The school/district will 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, by:
 - *Letters*
 - *Emails*
 - *School and classroom newsletters*
 - *Web resources on Title I website and district website*
 - *Teaching ideas that align with instruction*
 - *Online availability of access to student grades*
 - *Online announcements and schedules*
- d. The school/district will educate its teachers, 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 parents programs by:
 - *Staff In-Service Training*
 - *Title I Fall Conferences*
 - *Regular communication with parents via email, phone calls, and face-to-face meetings*
- e. The school/district will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with the preschool, Gearing Up for Kindergarten, and other programs, that encourage and support parents in participating in the education of their children.
- f. The school/district will take the following actions to ensure that Title I information related to the school and parents programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, in a language the parents can understand.

6. The **Northern Cass School District** will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies under Title I with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs: preschool and Gearing Up for Kindergarten.
7. The **Northern Cass School District** will take the following actions to conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I school. The evaluation will include identifying 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 its parental involvement policies.
8. The **Northern Cass School District** will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement:

Parents will be asked at the Annual Fall Title I Parent Meetings and as part of the annual parent Title I survey for suggestions to improve the Title I program. Parents will also be informally asked at parent/teacher conferences for their input. School surveys will also be a part of the information gathering. Based on the findings and suggestions from these meetings and surveys, changes will be made to the Title I program accordingly.

9. If the plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.

Part III. SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

As a component of the school-level parental involvement policy, the school shall jointly develop with parents for all children served under this part a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

The School-Parent-Student Compact has been developed in addition to this parental involvement policy. The compact was jointly developed with parents at a scheduled meeting time. All parents were invited to add suggestions and comments on the policy. Suggestions and comments on improvement of the Title I program will be received at any time throughout the year.

Part IV. DISCRETIONARY DISTRICT/SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

The District/School Parental Involvement Policy may include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the school district, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school and school system to support their children's' academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities:

- Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- In order to maximize parental involvement and participation in their children's education, arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct phone or email conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend those conferences at school.
- Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities.

Part V. ACCESSIBILITY


In carrying out the parental involvement requirements of this part, districts and schools, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in a format and, in a language such parents can understand.

Request for Title I information will be provided in alternative formats to the extent possible upon request.

Part VI. ADOPTION

This District/School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I programs, as evidenced by meeting minutes.

This policy was adopted by the **Northern Cass Public School District** on **8/14/2023** and will be in effect for the period of **2023-2024**. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I children.



 (Signature of Title I Authorized Representative)

8/14/2023

 (Date)

This template of a District/School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed by combining two documents, the modified version of the sample provided in the U.S. Department of Education Parental Involvement Guidance and the sample of the School Parental Involvement Policy provided by the North Dakota Title I Office.

End of Northern Cass School District Policy GABC.....Adopted: 4/7/1998
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