

SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY HOLICE POWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

An annual meeting to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend will be held in the fall and spring. At this meeting, this policy, legal requirements, and the parent's rights to be involved will be explained.

Other meetings will also be held at different times during the day or evening.

At the annual meeting, parent-teacher conferences, planning meetings and workshops, parents will be encouraged to contact the school or the Title I director at any time during the year concerning the development, review and improvement of the Title I Needs Assessment. A planning review meeting will be conducted at each Title I school during the spring.

Title I program information and brochures will be provided at the annual meeting. Newsletters will be distributed to parents of participating Title I students.

Report cards, TCAP results, and nine weeks progress reports will be sent home to parents. Parents of students that do not pass each nine weeks will be contacted.

A Dyer County Schools handbook is sent home at the beginning of the school year to explain rules and regulations, entrance requirements, the grading system, and testing policies. The handbook also has the annual school calendar.

Individual conferences, PTO meetings, parent-teacher conferences, and an open-door policy to communicate with parents provide parents an opportunity to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.

Notes and phone calls that are received are returned that day or as soon as the parent can be reached.

Materials will be provided and parent meetings will be conducted to provide parents with information concerning:

- The State's content standards and State student performance standards
- The components of a school wide system
- The components of a targeted assisted program
- State and local assessments
- How to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the performance of their child
- How to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children

Availability of Title I resources will be given at every opportunity at the beginning of the year as well as throughout the year.

In-service training and staff development are also offered to parents. A library of parent materials is available for checkout.

Pre-school students and their parents may participate in K-12 programs.

Other agencies and organizations collaborate with Title I parent involvement. Those agencies include:

- The Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce
- The Lions Club (eyeglasses)
- KEYS (before and after school program)
- PTO
- Guidance counselors for Dyer County Schools
- Family Resource Center
- Dyersburg Kiwanis Club
- Dyersburg Electric Department

Measures such as providing written information in the parent's native language will be used. An interpreter can also be used when needed.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Dyer County School System does not discriminate on the basis of sex, color, race, national origin, creed, age, marital status, or disability in its education programs, activities, or employment policies. Any employee or student who feels that he/she has been discriminated against on any of these bases should make the grievance known to the principal or the school. If no agreement can be attained, then the coordinator should be contacted. The coordinator for Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 is Dr. Carolyn Tyler, Dyer County School System, 159 Everett Avenue, Dyersburg, TN 38024, telephone, 731-285-6712.