

# **Title I Parental Involvement Policy**

## **PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS**

The Harrison Public 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, Part A programs, consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- Consistent with section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- The school district will incorporate this district wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school district and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, 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 State Department of Education.
- 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—
  1. that parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning;
  2. that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school;
  3. 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;

4. the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.
5. parents may access Parental Information and Resources at the Department of Educations website: [nj.gov/njded/title1/program/parent/](http://nj.gov/njded/title1/program/parent/)

## **PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW DISTRICT WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED DISTRICT WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS**

The Harrison Public School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district wide parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA: district and school-level meetings; flyers and notices to parents; district website; local cable access; student handbooks; School Leadership Committees.

The Harrison Public School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA: the district will publicize and disseminate to parents, teachers, principals, and the community results of state assessments, standardized testing, school report cards and other information relating to the performance of students.

The Harrison Public School District will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance: district and school-level professional development; visitations to other schools and districts; participation on School Leadership Committee; services of the district test coordinator, Title I coordinator and curriculum coordinator.

The Harrison Public School District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs: local and district pre-school activities, Family Friendly, CHIPS, district after-school programs, district bilingual/ESL programs, IEL and SIE.

5. The Harrison Public School District will conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools.

## **PART IV. ADOPTION**

This District wide Parental Involvement Policy was developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by the actions outlined in Part II above. This policy was adopted by the Harrison Public School District on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008.