

DUNSEITH PUBLIC SCHOOL
TITLE I DISTRICT-SCHOOL
PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

PART I DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS

The Dunseith Public School 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 and 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 work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the Title I requirements, and include, as a component, a school-parent compact.
- The school district will incorporate the 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 and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parent 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 involve the parents of children served in Title I schools in decisions about how the one percent of Title I funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools. (Only applicable for districts with Title I allocations greater than \$500,000).
- 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 play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*

(C) 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;

(D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

- The school district will inform parents 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 Dunseith Public School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district/school parental involvement plan:
 - Parents will be invited to planning meetings
 - Notices to parents via newsletters for scheduled meetings
2. The Dunseith Public School will convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved.
 - This annual meeting will take place the night of the November 9th parent teacher conferences in the Dunseith Elementary Commons Area.
 - The Dunseith Public School will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening. Flexibility will be provided by holding parental meetings during parent teacher conferences.
 - Scheduled meetings at the parent's request.
 - Meetings scheduled during Family Fun Night
3. The Dunseith Public School 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.
 - Notices via the school newsletter will announce planned parent meetings.
 - Announcements in the local newspaper will announce planned activities for parents and students.
 - After school activities will be provided to include parents, students and Dunseith Staff. (ie story hour, math marathon, science fair)
4. The Dunseith Public School will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the

community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

A. The school/district will, with the assistance of its Title I schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph—

- The state's academic content standards,
- The state's student academic achievement standards,
- The state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- The requirements of Title I,
- How to monitor their child's progress, and
- How to work with educators
 1. Parents will be invited to attend Title I informative meetings that will be held at the Dunseith School
 2. Parents will be sent brochures defining School wide Title I
 3. A spring activity will be planned, such as Family Fun Night, and parents will be invited to attend. Door prizes and other prizes will be given.

The Dunseith Public School 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.

B. The Dunseith Public School will, with the assistance of its Title I schools, 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:

- Offering after school tutoring for both parents and students
- Offer skills training to parents to help their child at home

C. Dunseith Public School will, with the assistance of its Title I schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, 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 parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

- Offer workshops to parents and educators
- Maintain a Parent Involvement Committee

D. The Dunseith Public School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, Infant Development Program, Village Team, Even Start, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:

- Transitional meetings with local Head Start personnel
- Continuation of a Reading First Program (without funding)
- Application with Linda Mood Bell Program
- Monthly newsletters to parents on school activities
- ATP Parent Group

E. The Dunseith Public School will take the following actions to ensure that Title I information related to the school and parent-programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practical, in a language the parents can understand.

- Monthly newsletters to parents
- Advertisements in local newspapers
- Radio announcements

6. The Dunseith Public School will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies under Title I with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs: Head Start, Linda-mood Bell, by:

- Transitional meetings with staff
- Open public meetings with parents and community
- Monthly newsletters to parents

7. The Dunseith Public School will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parent involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I schools. 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, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies

- Surveys will be created by the Parent Involvement Committee to evaluate the parent involvement policy

- Surveys will be completed during parent teacher conferences to evaluate the parent involvement policy.
 - Surveys will be mailed to parents to evaluate the parent involvement policy
 - Surveys will be compiled by the Title I Coordinator
8. The Dunseith Public School will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement.
- Open public meetings will be held during parent teacher conferences
 - Monthly newsletters will be sent to parents.
9. If the schoolwide program 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.
- Plan is reviewed annually with review of comments
 - Plan will be revised annually

PART III SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

As a component of the school-level parental involvement policy, each 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.

- Parents will monitor student attendance
- Parents will monitor student homework completion.
- Volunteer in student's classroom
- Serving on policy advisory groups
- Serving on school policy groups
- Promote use of child's extracurricular time
- Participate, as appropriate, in decisions to a child's education

PART IV DISCRETIONARY DISTRICT/SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

The Dunseith School District 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:

- Involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training.

- Provide necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds, if the school district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training.
- Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities.
- Train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents
- In order to maximize parental involvement and participation in their children's education, arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend those conferences at school.
- Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement. (Power School to be adopted.)
- Establish a district parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs.
- Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and business, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities.
- Provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 as parents may request.
 1. Parents may volunteer in their child's classroom
 2. Parents may attend class field trips with their child

PART V ACCESSIBILITY

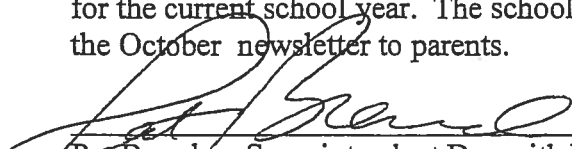
In carrying out the parental involvement requirements of this part, districts and schools, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children,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

- Transportation may be provided for children with disabilities
- School reports will be in a format that parents understand
- LEP resources will be available for students/parents as needed
- Home visits will be available as deemed necessary

PART VI ADOPTION

The Dunseith Public School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participation in Title I programs, as evidenced by mandatory school year meeting which is held in review 5/11/2011 and first discussion at the November parent teacher conference date.

This policy was adopted by the Dunseith Public School on 5/11/2011 and will be in effect for the current school year. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents in the October newsletter to parents.


Pat Brenden, Superintendent Dunseith Public School

5/11/11
Date