

**Okolona Elementary School
Title I Parent Involvement Policy
2011-2012**

The Okolona Elementary School Staff, in collaboration with our Title I Parent Advisory Committee, has jointly developed and agreed upon this Title I Parent Involvement Policy. The main focal point of this policy is to encourage, foster and increase parent participation in the development and implementation of our school programs. Our staff and parents are instrumental in creating a positive and nurturing climate for all students. This will have a direct correlation to our Title I students meeting the district and state's academic standards.

The Okolona Elementary School Title I Advisory Council is comprised of the Title I staff, teachers, parents of the Title I students, and the literacy coach. Our council annually updates the Parent Involvement Policy by utilizing the information given by our Title I parents. This working document is available for both parents and community to review.

This Title I Parent Involvement Policy was devised by adhering to all Title I requirements and is a working document. Title I funds are utilized, if needed, to provide our parents with services and with the opportunity to attend meetings and workshops. The Title I funds will help provide our parents with materials, incentives, and workshop refreshments.

I. Parent Involvement Meetings

- ❖ Initial meeting to develop the policy
- ❖ Informational meetings during the year to keep parents informed and to solicit/ideas from parents
- ❖ Developmental meetings to devise and review *Parent, Student and Teacher Compact* and *Needs Assessment Survey*

II. Parent Annual Meeting for Discussions and Information Dissemination

Note: Meetings will be conducted at various times to accommodate everyone.

- ❖ Parent Involvement Policy
- ❖ Current curriculum
- ❖ Report card information
- ❖ Explanation of parent's rights
- ❖ Explanation of Title I requirements and guidelines
- ❖ *Parent, Student and Teacher Compact*
- ❖ *Needs Assessment Survey*
- ❖ Any other information pertinent to Title I

III. Ongoing Communication Process for Parent's Knowledge

Note: These methods of communication will include the following information: Explanation of curriculum, forms of academic assessment, proficiency levels of students, state's academic content standards, local assessments.

- ❖ Monthly newsletter
- ❖ School website (Updated as needed)
- ❖ District website
- ❖ Phone calls
- ❖ Parent report card conferences
- ❖ Letters mailed home
- ❖ Workshops

IV. Solicit/integrate parent involvement strategies with local agencies, schools and programs

- ❖ Pupil Services/Special Education
- ❖ Community Agencies

V. Strategies for fostering strong and productive parental involvement

- ❖ Provide various and flexible meeting times throughout the year
- ❖ Provide parent workshops on various topics
- ❖ Provide take-home materials to support learning

VI. Ways parents will be encouraged by Okolona Elementary School to improve and enhance their skills and gain information

- ❖ Attend and participate in workshops
- ❖ Attend report card conferences
- ❖ Attend Title I meetings
- ❖ Attend school wide meetings during the school year
- ❖ Read the letters, newsletters, website and all other school correspondences
- ❖ Communicate with the Title I parent advisory members
- ❖ Attend school assemblies

The overarching goal of our Parent Policy is to actively engage our parents in a collaborative effort with our staff and community members in the academic process and programs of our school. Ultimately, Okolona Elementary School's objective is to empower students to strive toward academic excellence and to become life-long learners with the help of our surrounding community.