

MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Policy and Responsibility

SUBJECT: SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT OF TITLE I PARENTS

In accordance with the Title I Parent Involvement Section of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), the Board adopts the following rules related parent involvement activities at Title 1 schools.

I. District Responsibilities

The District Title I Department shall be responsible for:

- A. Joint development of the district Title I plan through parent representation from each Title I school on the district Title I committee.
- B. The district Title I committee shall review, on an annual basis, individual Title I school improvement plans and data relevant to the schools' improvement efforts.
- C. The district Title I committee shall review, on an annual basis, individual Title I school parent involvement plans, activities, school-parent compacts, and other items related to the schools' parent involvement efforts.
- D. The district Title I committee shall conduct on an annual basis, an evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the schools' parent involvement policy and assess how much parent involvement has increased and determine what barriers to parental participation exist at the school that needs to be addressed.
- E. The district Title I committee shall use the findings of the evaluation to design strategies for school improvement and to revise parental involvement policies.
- F. Based upon the findings/direction of the district Title I committee, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction shall provide technical assistance and support to Title I schools in their efforts to plan and implement effective parent involvement activities. The technical assistance will focus on actions that will increase the schools' and parents' capacity for parent involvement in the school and the classroom.
- G. The Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction shall coordinate Title I parent involvement activities with the district special education pre-school program, Salt Lake CAP Head Start, and other identified state-run preschool programs. This shall be accomplished by meeting with representatives of each of these organizations at the end of the school year to coordinate parent involvement activities for the upcoming school year.

II. School responsibilities

The School Title I Committee shall be responsible for:

- A. The development of the school Title I Parent Involvement Policy. The school policy shall include the following components:
- a. Description of how parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I program.
 - b. Description of how the school-parent compact is developed jointly with parents. The compact shall outline how parents, the entire school staff and students will share in the responsibility for improved student achievement. The compact shall be reviewed by the school Title I committee on an annual basis and revised as deemed necessary by the committee.
 - c. Description of how the school will provide parents of participating children with timely information about the Title I program.
 - d. Description of how the school will provide parents of participating children with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, types of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
 - e. Description of how the school will provide assistance to parents in understanding the State's academic content standards and students achievement standards, state and district assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
 - f. Conduct an annual meeting to be held to inform parents of the school's participation in the Title I program including the requirements of the program and their right to be involved.
 - g. Provisions to ensure that parent meetings, including parent conferences, will be held at different times of day to accommodate parents' schedules.
 - h. Description of how the school will provide, 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.
 - i. Description of how the school will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement.
 - j. Statement of how Title I funds may be used to pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities, including transportation, childcare, or home visit expenses to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- B. In the event that the Title I school is identified for School Improvement, the school's Title I plan must include a description of how the school will involve parents in the joint development of the School Improvement Plan.