

## **Magoffin County Title I District Parent Involvement Policy**

This policy and the plan to implement it have been developed jointly and in agreement with, and will be distributed to, parents of students participating in the Title I program. The mission of the Magoffin County School District, is building a culture that ensures all students are College/Career Ready.

### **Expectations for Parent Involvement**

It is the intent of the Magoffin County School Board that parents of participating students shall be provided with frequent and convenient opportunities for full and ongoing participation in the Title I program, including opportunities to suggest modifications, based on changing needs of parents and the schools. During the development and/or revision of the Comprehensive District Improvement Plan a meeting will be held whereby parents will be invited to attend and/or serve on the school improvement plan committee.

All comments indicating parents' dissatisfaction with the district Title I plan shall be collected and submitted along with the plan to the Kentucky Department of Education.

The Title I program shall be designed to assist students to acquire the capacities and achieve the goals established by law, as well as the goals and standards established by the Magoffin County Board. These goals and standards shall be shared with parents in a manner that will enable them to (1) participate in decisions concerning their child's education and (2) monitor and improve the educational achievement of their child.

### **Building Capacity for Involvement**

If the Magoffin County district's Title I allocation is \$500,000 or more, the Magoffin County district shall reserve one percent (1%) of its allocations for the purpose of promoting parent involvement. Parents of participating students shall be provided the opportunity to help decide how this portion of the Title I funds will be used.

The Magoffin County district will provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance. These measures may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

1. *Designation of resources to assist in communicating with parents, transporting them to meeting sites and /or implementing home visits, providing child-care for meetings, encouraging them to use available parent resource centers and working with them to improve parenting skills, particularly those that will assist them in working with their child to improve his/her educational achievements. Resources may include individuals, agencies, materials and service. Use One-Call Now to increase parent communication.*
2. *The district parent liaison will work with staff and parents to implement school parent involvement activities such as, but not be limited to, the following:*
  - Survey parents to determine needs and topics for parent training,
  - Provide trainings and materials for parents about PTA and the benefits of the program, along with Kentucky's student assessment and other topics requested by parents that will help their children's achievement,
  - Make home visits to train parents that cannot attend training sessions,
  - Collaborate with other programs (such as Family Resource and Youth Service Centers) that have contact with parents,

- Attend conferences/workshops to obtain information on family and community involvement in schools,
  - Maintain records of all activities, training workshops, etc.,
  - Offer parent volunteer trainings (during and after school hours), regular scheduled Volunteer Day and Volunteer Awards,
  - Train staff with the assistance of parents on how to reach out to, communicate and work with parents as equal partners in their children's education,
  - Encourage parents' participation in CIPL training,
  - Provide parenting tips and other pertinent information through District/School Newsletters,
  - Develop and provide brochure detailing parent involvement program and volunteer program,
  - Hold educational activities sponsored by NEA (American Education Week & Read Across America),
  - Hold Parent Academy at Herald Whitaker Middle School,
  - Update website link "For Parents" on district's homepage,
  - Facilitate policy and compact review meeting at each school,
  - Update summer activities folder to ease kindergarten transition,
  - Highlight and/or showcase district initiatives through various media resources,
  - Increase parent contact through phone calls, One-Call Now, home visits and parent conferences/information sessions, (during and after school hours),
  - Annually evaluate the parent involvement program to determine changes, etc.,
3. *The district, through the technical support stated in #2 will provide activities that will build the schools' and parents' capacity for more effective involvement.*
  4. *Sharing options for coordinating and integrating Title I program strategies with services of other community programs, businesses and agencies such as Magoffin County Head Start Program (Transitions), KVEC (Parent trainings), Community Education Program, Magoffin County Public Library (Read Across America), Magoffin County Extension Agency (4-H), Family Literacy Program and Adult Education Program.*
  5. *Conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parent Involvement Policy in improving the academic quality of the schools, including identifying barriers to greater participation of parents, in particular: low-socioeconomic, limited English proficiency, limited literacy, or minority parents.*
  6. *Ensure that parents are aware that all teachers are highly qualified and they may request written information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teachers.*

*Use the evaluation findings to improve the parent involvement program and revise/evaluate the Parent Involvement Policy as needed annually.*

### **School Policy**

Each school shall submit to the superintendent and Board for review and comment its Title I school parent involvement policy, which must meet all legal requirements. This policy shall be developed jointly with and distributed by the school to parents of participating students.

A copy of each school's parent involvement policy and accompanying checklist shall be kept on file in the Central Office.

### **References**

Section 1118 of NCLB, Title I, Part A

KRS 158.645

KRS 158.6451

**Related Policy KSBA 08.13451**