

Skiatook Public Schools District Parental Involvement Policy

Skiatook Public Schools 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. Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children. (All sites participate in Title I, Part A schools and are Title I Schoolwide sites. Therefore all students participate in Title I.)
- The district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements and that school-parent compacts have been signed.
- The 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 required school reports in an understandable and uniform format including in a language that parents understand.
- If the local plan for the Title I Part A is not satisfactory to parents of participating children, the district will submit any parent comments with the plan to the State Department of Education.
- The district will involve parents in decisions about how the one percent of the Title I funds reserved for parental involvement is spent.
- The district and school sites will implement 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 and meaningful role in assisting in 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.

Implementation of Parental Involvement Policy

- 1. Skiatook Public Schools will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district wide parental involvement plan:
 - Parents will review the policy with the Title I committee. Suggestions and/or concerns will be communicated to the director for possible revisions.
 - The district policy will be reviewed at the annual District Title I Committee meeting. The policy will be available for review at each of the administration offices.
 - Evaluation of the policy will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background).
 - The 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, its parental involvement policy.

- 2. Skiatook Public Schools will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement:
 - Parents will serve on applicable site and district committees.
 - District and school report cards will be distributed.
 - The district will build an effective communication partnership with the parent regarding their child's school and teacher. This will include an understanding of the school climate, qualifications of each teacher, academic initiatives, available programs and federal mandates.
 - The school will provide the web site address for the Oklahoma Department of Education for parents to access Oklahoma Academic Standards.
 - Title I teachers (all teachers K-8) will help parents to understand expected performance standards and what they can do to help students achieve those standards.
 - A Title I Parent Computer will be located in the Title I school libraries to allow access to students grades and student resources.
- 3. Skiatook Public Schools will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, the Parent as Teachers Program, and public preschool, and conduct other activities such as Parent Resource Centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.
- 4. Skiatook Public Schools will build the schools' and the parent's capacity for strong parental involvement in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the schools involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:
 - A. The district will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children in the district in understanding topics such as the following:
 - The Oklahoma Academic Standards,
 - The requirements of Title I Part A,
 - How to monitor their child's academic progress, and
 - How to work with educators.

This will be achieved by the following actions (as appropriate):

- Schedule Parent Conferences at least once a semester
- Involve parents in conferences to write or review reading plans for struggling students
- Distribution of additional information on these topics via e-mail, district web site, brochures, articles in the newspaper, and work with local agencies that provide services to families.
- B. The district will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, distribute information to parents in an understandable and uniform format in a language that parents can understand.