

Water Valley ISD Parental Involvement Policy

Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Education Agencies (LEA) provides supplemental funding to state and local education agencies. The funding is for resources to help schools with high concentrations of students from low-income families provide a high-quality education that will enable all children to meet the state's student performance standards.

Title I, Part A supports schools in implementing either a school-wide program or a targeted assistance program. These programs must use effective methods and instructional strategies that are grounded in scientifically based research. Water Valley ISD has a Title I, Part A school-wide program based on the number of students reported from low-income families at both campuses.

Purpose

Water Valley ISD believes every child should have the opportunity to attain his/her full potential. Therefore, Water Valley ISD will maximize its resources to enable each child to become a successful learner. A key resource is its people: administrators, teachers, school staff, parents, and community members. We will work together to establish effective partnerships; together everyone achieves more. School and home must work together to realize higher student achievement. Ongoing, two-way, meaningful communication will occur to facilitate mutual understanding and to stimulate student success.

Water Valley ISD will provide to all parents the grade level goals for its students. Water Valley ISD will also publish the TAKS testing schedule and assessment goals. Those students that need extra assistance will have access to programs that will help them reach these goals.

Water Valley ISD will make every effort to include parents in the development, evaluation, and revision of the Title I Program and the Parent Involvement Policy. The school-parent compact will describe the responsibilities of key stakeholders and useful channels of communication. The goal of our parental involvement program is student success.

Developing the Policy and Involving Parents in the School-wide Plan

An advisory committee will be formed consisting of two parents, two community members, two business members, five teachers and staff, the principal and superintendent to develop and revise the Water Valley ISD Parental Involvement Policy. The need for volunteers to serve on this committee will be publicized and then volunteers will be selected. The parent volunteers will represent the diversity of the student population, and one or more parents on the advisory committee will have children participating in a Title I program. The advisory committee will convene at a time and place convenient to all its members.

Additionally, Water Valley ISD understands that the parental involvement policy is a part of the larger district and campus improvement plans. The advisory committee will also provide input regarding the development and revision of the district and/or campus improvement plan.

Building Capacity

Water Valley ISD values the partnership of the parents in their children's education. There are many ways parents can make significant contributions to student success both at home and by volunteering at the school. Student achievement is the result of effective home-school-community partnerships.

Coordination of Programs

Water Valley ISD will develop a public pre-school program for district students meeting established criteria. Parental involvement strategies will be coordinated to assist the transition from pre-school to elementary school.

Annually Water Valley ISD will assess the needs of the parents and children in the school community using a variety of tools including a survey or questionnaire. The findings will be used to revise the Title I program to meet the current needs. Workshops or other training will be made available to educators and parents to address these needs. Parents will be notified about training opportunities through the district's website at www.wvisd.net.

Reservation of Funds

In the event Water Valley ISD receives \$500,000 or more in Title I funding the district will be required to set aside at least 1%* of the funds for parental involvement. Those funds will be divided among the Title I campuses. The principals will consult with the Title I Advisory Committee about allowable uses of the funds. The principals will then authorize the use of the funds designated for parental involvement.

Evaluation

Water Valley ISD will work with its Title I Advisory Committee to evaluate the effectiveness of the Parental Involvement Program. Surveys, classroom observation, assessment data, and other resources will be used to determine the needs and develop revised strategies for student success. Parental input will be sought. Revisions to the Title I Program and the Parental Involvement Policy will be developed and agreed upon with parent input and will be communicated to the parents in the district.

Concluding Statement

Water Valley ISD is committed to the success of students. We will work together with parents to monitor the effectiveness of our Parental Involvement and Title I Programs and to provide excellence in education. This policy will be promoted by the school board, administrators, teachers, and other school staff as we seek active participation by our parents.