

HCSD2 Parent Involvement Policy

Hampton County School District 2 encourages parent involvement at all levels. Parental Involvement is a key factor in the educational success of children; therefore, parents are vital to the successful implementation of the Title I program. In support of this belief, our district policy for parental involvement reflects the requirements of Section 1118 of Title I, Part A.

I. Involve parents in the joint development of the LEA plan and the process of school review and improvement.

- Parents and community leaders will be involved in the development of the district's strategic plan, school renewal plans, Title I school-wide plans, and school improvement plans.

II. Provide coordination, technical assistance, and support for effective parent involvement.

- Title I will fund parent coordinator(s) who will conduct and coordinate parent involvement activities at Estill Elementary and Estill Middle Schools.

III. Build the schools' and parents' capacity for a strong involvement.

- A district-wide Parent Night/Title I meeting will be conducted annually.
- Literacy and occupational training will be available through the Adult Education Program.
- Parenting workshops will be conducted every nine weeks on topics selected by parents and school staff.
- Parent surveys will be conducted to determine topics for workshops.
- Workshops for teachers on how to encourage parental involvement will be held before the first parent/teacher conference.
- Volunteer programs will be supported in all schools.
- Parents will be encouraged to visit classes and request conferences with teachers of their child(ren) as needed.
- A calendar of activities will be sent home at the beginning of the school year by each school.
- The calendar of activities will also be posted on the district's website.
- A "One Call Now" will be made to inform parents that the calendar of activities is on the district's website.

- Efforts will be made to notify parents at least one month and a half in advance of activities for planning purposes and coordination with their work schedules.
- Parents input will be actively sought in the development of the Title I schoolwide plans and school improvement plans.

IV. Coordinate and integrate parent involvement with other programs such as Headstart and First Steps.

- The Family Literacy Program will also collaborate with Headstart and First Steps to integrate services to parents and children.
- Agenda books will be used at the Estill Elementary and Estill Middle School to communicate with parents

V. Conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parent Involvement Policy to determine: a) the effectiveness as to increasing parent participation; and b) barriers to participation as noted in section 1118 of the law.

- The Parent Involvement Policy will be reviewed annually by the LEA Planning Team.
- Attention will be given to determining the effectiveness of increasing parent participation and to the elimination of barriers to participation.

VI. Use such findings to design strategies for school improvement and revise, if necessary, the LEA and school parental involvement policies.

- The findings of the LEA Planning Team will be used to revise the Parental Involvement Policy.