

South Williamsport Area School District

Title I Parent and Family Policy

Central Elementary School

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Title I Parent Policy

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires that Title I parents be informed annually about our South Williamsport Area School District Title I Parent Policy. This Policy states the following:

- Parents will be sent letters informing them that their child is eligible to participate in Title I Reading before instruction starts.
- Parents will be given ongoing opportunities to offer suggestions about the planning, development and operation of the Schoolwide plan, Title I program, Parent and Family Engagement policy, and Parent Compact during the Back to School Nights, Parent Teacher conferences, Parent Teacher Organization Meetings, Title I Workshops, through surveys and through other school communications and at alternating times. Notice of these events will be through phone, email, written notice, and district social media.
- Title I Parents will receive progress reports during parent teacher conferences and each report card semester.
- All families will be invited to attend an annual meeting to inform parents about the Title I program, description and explanation of the curriculum and assessments and explain the requirements and rights for parents to be involved.
- Parent Workshops / Trainings will be offered throughout the school year, during various times of the day, and if requested by parents, to all families to provide parents with strategies to help their child succeed in school.
- Materials will be made available to parents to use with their children at home to reinforce what the children are learning in reading and math at school.
- Parents will be sent a monthly newsletter which will provide them with helpful reading and math suggestions for use at home. Also, Title I feature pages and Title I topics are disseminated to parents on a monthly to bi-monthly basis.
- Parents will be given assistance by teachers in understanding the State's academic content standards and student achievement standards, local academic assessments and how to monitor a child's progress.
- Parents have access to the South Williamsport Area School District's website that will provide them with information on Title I programs, reading instructional strategies to use at home and related websites.
- Parents, school staff and students will share in the responsibility for improved student achievement based on the school-parent compact, which is developed jointly using suggestions from the annual parent meeting and surveys. The compact describes the school's, parent and students' responsibilities in academic success and ongoing communication.

- The school will send home information to all families in the appropriate language that parents and families can understand.
- The school will educate teachers and staff using the SPAC skits and website, with the assistance of parents, in how to communicate with and reach out to families.
- The school will invite local Head Start and local preschool families to participate in family engagement activities, as feasible and appropriate, to encourage and support parents and family members in more fully participating in the education of their children.
- Translated documents and interpreters will be made available to parents and family members, to the extent possible, to provide opportunities for informed participation.
- If the schoolwide plan is not satisfactory to Title I parents, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the LEA.