

Bethel School District #52
Administrative Rule

IGBC. TITLE I/PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parental Involvement Policy

A parental involvement policy shall be developed jointly and agreed upon with parents of participating students. The district shall ensure:

1. Involvement of parents in the joint development of the district's overall Title I plan and the process of school review and improvement;
2. Coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance;
3. Development of activities that promote the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parent involvement;
4. Coordination and integration of parental involvement strategies with appropriate programs as provided by law;
5. Involvement of parents in the annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the policy in improving the academic quality of schools served under Title I;
6. Participation by parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy or are of any racial or ethnic minority;
7. Findings of annual evaluations are used to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise, if necessary, the requirements of this policy;
8. Parents are involved in the activities of schools served under Title I.

Title I Plan

As a part of the district's overall Title I plan, the district shall ensure effective involvement of parents by promoting activities that support a partnership among the school, parents and the community and that promote the improvement of student achievement. Plans may be developed by participating district schools individually or collectively. District schools:

1. Shall provide assistance to parents of students served by the school in understanding such topics as the state's academic content standards and state student academic achievement standards. Title I plan requirements, state and local academic assessments and how to monitor a student's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their student;
2. Shall provide materials and training to help parents work with their student to improve their student's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement;
3. Shall educate teachers, student services personnel, principals and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and the school;
4. Shall, to the extent possible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent-involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, the Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program and public preschool programs and other programs;

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5. Shall ensure, to the extent possible, that information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to the homes of participating students in a format and in a language the parent can understand;
6. Shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request consistent with Title I requirements.

School-Parent Compact

A school-parent compact shall be developed for each of the district's Title I schools. The compact shall:

1. Describe the school's responsibility to provide high quality curriculum and instruction in supportive and effective learning environments that enable students to meet the state's academic achievement standards;
2. Describe the ways in which each parent will be responsible for supporting their student's learning;
3. Stress the importance of ongoing communication between teachers and parents through annual parent-teacher conferences at the elementary school level.