

## **Title I Parent Involvement** 321

Parents/Guardians of Title I students will be an integral part of the Rio Rancho School District Title I Program. Parents/Guardians, in partnership with Title I staff, will be involved in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the Title I Program at each participating school and at the district level. Rio Rancho Public Schools Title I staff, in partnership with parents will provide information, technical assistance and support to ensure active on-going involvement. "Parent/Guardians", as used in this policy, includes in addition to a natural parent, a legal guardian or other person standing in *loco parentis* (such as a grandparent, stepparent, or other family member with whom the child lives, or a person who is legally responsible for the child's welfare).

To assure the implementation of this policy, the following procedures and activities will be implemented:

1. Meetings with parents/guardians will be convened at the school at a minimum of two times per year to allow parents/guardians an opportunity to participate in planning, design, and evaluation of the Title I program and to inform them of their right to be involved in the program.
2. Schools will value and utilize parent/guardian contribution by encouraging parent/guardian involvement in a statement of the school's vision for parent engagement and participation with details including methods for involving parents in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the school Title I program, as well as the process for filing a complaint, as provided on the Rio Rancho Public Schools District Title I Webpage. Parents/Guardians will be actively involved at the individual school site through participation in a Parent Advisory Committee and/or other advisory committees, representing Title I.
3. Staff will seek out and capture parental and family engagement activities in the school and district Educational Plan for Student Success and continually seek out resources and information about best practices for parent and family engagement.
4. Schools will use a variety of methods to communicate to parents/guardians. Staff members will become knowledgeable about the district's process for translation and interpretation services. To the extent possible, school information shared with parents/guardians verbally or written will be presented in the language and form that parents/guardians understand.
5. Title I schools will promote a shared responsibility for high student performance through jointly developed school/parent compacts.
6. Title I school staff will provide parents/guardians with timely information about their student's progress related to academic standards and include parents and family members in a partnership by providing strategies to work with children at home, in coordination with activities, programs, and supports offered at Title I schools.
7. The district and school level parent involvement policies, procedures and activities will be evaluated and up-dated every three years to meet the changing needs of parents/guardians and schools; and to identify any barriers to participation for parents/guardians and family members with respect to economic disadvantage, disabilities, limited-English proficiency, or other equity factors.
8. An annual evaluation of Title I programs will be completed to determine parental satisfaction, areas in need of improvement, and to collect information for the purpose of planning, design, and budget allocation use of the required parental involvement funding set-aside.

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