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Southside Elementary School Title I School Parent Involvement Policy

In acknowledgement of reliable research proving that parental involvement raises the academic achievement of students, a goal of the Elko County School District's Title I program is to encourage greater involvement of parents in the education of their children and to build an effective home-school partnership.

Parents will be informed of the school's participation in the Title I program, the requirements of Title I, and their right to be involved in an Open House/Annual Title I meeting held at the beginning of each school year. The focus of these parent meetings will be to provide information that will build parent's capacity in understanding the following critical topics:

- State academic standards
- State and local assessments
- Requirements for Title I Part A
- Strategies that are used to monitor their child's progress
- A process that can be used to promote effective communication between parents and teachers

This annual meeting will be offered at flexible times, whenever practical, in an effort to maximize parent attendance. Efforts will also be made to offer transportation, childcare, and home visits within the limits of the one percent Title I, Part A set aside for parent involvement.

A school-wide Educational Involvement Accord that outlines how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving learning will be distributed no later than August 31st each school year. The Education Involvement Accord will also be provided to parents during registration when students register after August 31st. The Educational Involvement Accord will be discussed with parents during Parent-Teacher Conferences in October each year.

Every effort will be made to enhance communication with parents. We will offer continuous communication to inform and assist parents with information on Effective Parenting and Home/School relationships through notes home, monthly newsletters, all-calls, workshops, and visits to the homes of families when practical. Information and invitations will be sent out in a timely manner. In an effort to effectively communicate with our limited or non-English speaking families, translations of written materials and translators for meetings and conferences will be made available as practical.

We will hold a minimum of two scheduled parent conferences where the progress of the student will be discussed as well as the expectations for the grade level, school curriculum, test information, alternate assessments, how to work with educators, and any other concerns a parent may have. Students will receive report cards quarterly as a means to inform parents of academic achievement.

Southside Elementary School shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with their Pre-kindergarten, Reading First, 21st Century and Boys and Girls Club programs, and conduct other activities that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

We will provide a flexible number of meetings and activities throughout the year within the limits of the one percent Title I, Part A set aside for parent involvement. The purpose of these meetings will be to provide information, assistance, and training to parents that are working with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, and to provide training and assistance in the use of technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement.

We endorse parental participation in school decisions, accountability and advocacy through Parent Teacher Associations or Organizations, and participation of parents on our Title I School Improvement Team. We will also involve parents in the development and implementation of the parent involvement policy. We will survey parents once a year to collect opinions, concerns, and suggestions to identify areas that need improvement and to select topics for meetings that meet the needs of parents.

We will continue to encourage and welcome parent and community volunteers to become part of our school family. We will also educate staff on outreach, communication and collaboration in regards to working with parents as equal partners in the education of their children.

IV. ADOPTION

The Elko County School District Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by documentation and membership on the District's Parent Involvement Committee and documentation of outreach to Title I parents.

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