

PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Northern Cambria Elementary School

The Every Student Succeed Act requires each school district that receives Title I funds to implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents.

1. Statement of Purpose

A major goal of the Northern Cambria Elementary School School-Wide Title I program is to encourage greater involvement of parents in the education of their children by developing strong partnerships with teachers, principals, other staff, the community and their school. The board shall solicit parental involvement through the implementation of programs, activities and procedures designed to enhance the involvement of parents in the educational process. Such activities shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of district children including children with limited English proficiency, children with disabilities, migratory children and Title I children.

Each school district that receives Title I funds shall develop jointly with, agree upon, and distribute to parents of participating children, a written parental involvement policy establishing the expectations for parental involvement and describing how the school district will involve parents in the joint development of the plan via the Title I Parent Committee.

The Northern Cambria Elementary School is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child. The child benefits if the school and home form a partnership promoting high expectations for our children. Parents are the children's first teachers. Parents' support for their children and for the school is critical to their children's success at every step along the way. Northern Cambria Elementary School intends to include parents in all aspects of the school's Title I Program. **The goal is a strong school-home partnership that will help all students in the district succeed and insure that Every Student Succeeds.**

2. Meetings for Parents

Parents are encouraged to attend Open House in September as well as Parent/Teacher Conference Day(s). Pre-School parents are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom and be accessible for home visits. Parents are encouraged to communicate with the classroom teachers, specialists, and the Title I staff by way of the daily planners, email, and by phone. Parents are encouraged to become involved in the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) and attend the Parent Involvement events. Parents are invited to eat lunch with their children any regular school day contingent upon following school procedures.

3. Types of Parent Involvement

There are many ways in which parents can become involved with their child's education. Northern Cambria Elementary School values both at-home contributions and those which take place at school and in the community. Reading to children at home, talking with them, providing an at-home study period, monitoring the TV programs, and making sure homework assignments are complete are as important as volunteering at school and serving on committees. Many types of parental involvement are needed in a school-home-community partnership that will help all our children succeed. For additional ways parents can become involved, parents should check with the child's classroom teacher, principal, PTO or Federal Programs coordinator.

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4. Staff-Parent Communication

Communication will be made through telephone calls, letters, email, daily planners, parent-teacher conferences or Sapphire Community Portal. Parents are encouraged to communicate with their child's teacher on a regular basis. Teachers are encouraged to communicate with parents when children are experiencing success as well as when they are having difficulties. Parents and staff will also communicate via the student planners.

Building Principal and Title I Staff Contact Information

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5. Coordination, Technical Assistance, and Other Support

The Administrative Staff, District Title I Staff, and School Board shall provide coordination, technical assistance and support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement. Coordination of services will include programs at Learning Lamp, IU08, Health and Human Services and other outside agencies affiliated with the district.

6. Continuation of Parent Involvement Activities

The following parent involvement activities will continue through the support of the district staff and Title I staff.

- Kindergarten – Kindergarten handbooks are distributed to all parents of students entering the program. All parents attending Kindergarten Orientation will review the handbook with the Elementary Counselor. Parents also receive many parental resources in order to work with their child prior to the start of kindergarten.
- Grades K – 4 – Hold parent conference(s) as per the school calendar. A Parent workshops will be held annually. A family literacy event will also be held annually.
- Grades 1-4 – Students receive daily planners each year. These planners contain a weekly calendar and a section for parent communication. These planners will continue to be used as a home-school communication tool. Parents and teachers exchange information on a daily basis or as needed.
- Grades K-4 – Letters, flyers, and packets are sent home to assist with all core academic subjects. Parents have access to Sapphire Community Portal.
- PTO (Parent/Teacher/Organization) works to promote parental involvement and provides a variety of activities throughout each school year.
- Students will be awarded a homework pass good for the evening of the event for approved evening events that are attended by the student and parents in order to encourage parents' attendance.

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