

**ELLWOOD CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NORTH SIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
TITLE I SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

The North Side Primary School of the Ellwood City Area School District implements the following statutory requirements.

**SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

**Joint Development and Distribution**

North Side Primary School developed its School Parent and Family Engagement Policy with parents of participating students. Inputs were solicited from Title I students regarding school and parent responsibilities. This resulted in the development of the School Parent Engagement Policy. The North Side Primary School Parent Engagement Committee will be to discuss the changing needs of parents and school.

The school will distribute this policy to parents of participating students each school year. The policy is available in a variety of formats, including the family's native language, to the extent practical. This policy is also available to the local community on the Ellwood City Area School District website.

**Parent Meetings and Communication**

North Side Primary School communicates with parents in a variety of ways. This school holds annual informational meetings each fall, in order to inform parents of the school's participation in the Title I program, program requirements, and the rights of parents to be involved. These individual meetings provide one-on-one conferencing with parents of eligible Title I students. North Side Primary School also offers a variety of parent meetings/conferences at various times throughout the day.

Phone conferences, written communication, and face-to-face meetings are available to all parents. Title I funds are used to pay for reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities.

**Planning, Review, and Improvement of Program/Policy**

North Side Primary School involves parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I Program, including the planning, review, and improvement of the School Parent Engagement Policy. Each year, a poll of randomly selected parents/guardians of Title I students will be taken in order to assess the effectiveness of the school's Title I program, School Parent Engagement Policy, District Parent Engagement Policy, and related activities. This input will solicit suggestions for improvement or revision.

**Information about the Title I Program**

North Side Primary School provides parents of participating students with timely information about the Title I program. During the annual informational meeting, staff members provide parents with a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. During this meeting the School-Family Compact will be distributed detailing the responsibilities of school members and families regarding the educational achievement of the students.

Title I staff members also provide assistance to parents in understanding the State's academic content standards, student achievement standards, local academic assessments, and how to monitor students' progress and work with teachers to improve the academic achievement of the students.

### **Parent Involvement in Decision Making**

North Side Primary School uses a variety of opportunities for parents to provide suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children. The school responds to any such practical suggestions when possible.

### **School-Parent Compact**

Our intention is for North Side Primary School's School-Parent Compact to be jointly developed with parents. The compact outlines how the entire staff and students will share in the responsibility for improved student achievement. Additionally, the school, with parents, will build and develop a partnership to help students achieve State's standards.

### **Parent Assistance**

North Side Primary School provides material and training to help parents work with their children's achievement. The elementary guidance office houses a checklist of available resources for parents that provide timely information to parents on such topics as homework assistance, studying tips, ADHD, etc. Along with the teaching staff, guidance office and principal, this information can also be obtained through our school nurse. Information regarding strategies and parent involvement techniques are included in periodic flyers which are sent home with the students. Additionally, Title I parent resource order forms have been made available through the elementary school's ESAP team, which can provide assistance to parents on developmental issues, learning issues, and behavioral issues.

### **School and Parent Program Information**

North Side Primary School ensures that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities will be sent to parents of participating students in a format and in a language, to the extent practical, that the parents can understand. Any parent needing assistance in understanding this information can contact the building office.