

Policy 4.57 - Discussion Agenda – 05/18/05 – Public Hearing

4.57 PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Title I

The School ~~Board~~ District of Clay County is committed to a Parental Involvement Plan in the Title I Program and adheres to regulations stated in Section 1118 (c-f) of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

1. The ~~Clay County~~ School District of Clay County will involve parents in the joint development of this plan by:
 - a. inviting Title I parents to be part of each school improvement committee with the given task of developing individual ~~Title I School~~ School Improvement Plans showing an alignment with Title I and parent involvement requirements and procedures.
 - b. convening district Parent Advisory Council meetings and school annual meetings to inform parents of their school's participation in the development of the Parent Involvement Plan and their right to be involved.
2. The ~~Clay County~~ School District of Clay County will provide coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement programs by:
 - a. conducting ongoing site visits,
 - b. providing materials and training not otherwise available to help parents with their child's achievement.
 - c. educating teachers, student services personnel, principals, and staff on how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners,
 - d. ensuring, to the extent possible, that information is sent home in language and form parents can understand,
 - e. arranging for in-home conferences, if necessary.
 - f. providing information on literacy training available in the community,
 - g. ensuring school-parent compacts are being used to outline responsibilities of the school staff, parents, and students in striving to raise student achievement and explain how an effective home-school partnership will be developed.
3. The ~~Clay County~~ School District of Clay County will build the school's capacity for strong parental involvement by:

- a. providing assistance to participating parents in such areas as understanding the National Education Goals, the State's Content Standards and State Student Performance Standards,
 - b. encouraging the formation of partnerships between schools and local businesses that include a role for parents,
 - c. providing resources for parents to learn about child development and child rearing issues that are designed to help parents become full partners in the education of their children,
 - d. involving parents through an annual survey in the development of teacher training to improve the effectiveness of instruction and services to participating children,
 - e. approving reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions,
 - f. encouraging meetings at a variety of times, such as mornings and evenings, in order to maximize the opportunities for parents to participate in school-related activities,
 - g. providing any reasonable support for parental involvement activities at the request of a participating Title I parent,
 - h. conducting district wide Parent Advisory Council meetings,
 - i. providing information about the availability of federally funded Parent Information and Resource Centers (PIRSs).
4. The ~~Clay County~~ School District of Clay County will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with programs (when applicable) such as Head Start and State-run preschool programs by:
- a. reviewing school curriculum council meeting minutes for the integration and coordination of parent involvement activities,
 - b. coordinating with ~~the District Pre-K Specialist~~ all departments to enhance the integration of parental involvement strategies with pre-school programs in the community,
5. The ~~Clay County~~ School District of Clay County will conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement plan as it relates to *increased academic quality, *strategies for increasing participation and *identifying barriers to greater parent participation by:
- a. distributing an annual survey to solicit such information of all participating Title I parents, Title I teachers, administrators, classroom teachers, and guidance personnel,

- b. inviting participating Title I parents to an annual district meeting to review and discuss parental involvement effectiveness and identify barriers to greater parent participation,
 - c. conducting regular meetings of the District Parent Advisory Council, with parent representatives from each eligible Title I school.
6. The ~~Clay County~~ School District of Clay County will use the findings for the evaluation by combining the data from the surveys and the minutes from the district annual meeting in order to:
- a. make recommendations to each participating school for parent involvement plan revisions,
 - b. provide suggestions for designing school improvement plans, as they relate to parent involvement.

The ~~Clay County~~ School District of Clay County will ensure that one percent (1%) of the total district Title I allocations will be used to implement parent involvement plans and procedures, and that ninety five percent (95%) of these funds will be spent at the school level.

B. Basic Instruction

The School Board of Clay County is committed to a Parental Involvement Policy and adheres to regulations stated in the Family and School Partnership for Student Achievement Act, Section 1002.23, Florida Statute.

The School District of Clay County will involve parents by coordinating and integrating parental involvement strategies with school improvement, Title I, Title VI, Business, Faith-Based and other partners.

The ~~Clay County~~ School District of Clay County will provide coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist schools in planning and implementing effective and comprehensive parent involvement programs by:

- 1. Encouraging parents to play an integral role in assisting student learning so they can be partners in decisions that effect their children and families.
- 2. Providing materials and training not otherwise available to help parents with their child's achievement.
- 3. The District providing professional development opportunities for staff members to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies through the District Professional Development Plan.
- 4. Ensuring, to the extent possible, that information is sent home in language and forms parents can understand.
- 5. Ensuring that parents are welcome in schools and that their support and assistance are valued.

6. Providing information on resources available in the community to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.

The School District of Clay County will build the school's capacity for strong parental involvement by:

1. Encouraging the formation of partnerships between schools and local businesses that include a role for parents.
2. Providing resources for parents to learn about child development and child rearing issues that are designed to help parents become full partners in the education of their children.
3. Encouraging meetings at a variety of times, such as mornings and evenings, in order to maximize the opportunities for parents to participate in school-related activities.

The School District of Clay County will conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement plan as it relates to:

1. Increased academic quality.
2. Strategies for increasing participation.
3. Identifying barriers to greater parent participation.

The School District of Clay County will use the findings of the evaluations to:

1. Design strategies for school improvement.
2. Revise, if necessary, the parent involvement policies.
3. Report the findings to the State Board of Education.

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