



Polk County District Title I Parent Involvement Plan Summary 2011-2012

What is Title 1?

Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools. The purpose of Title I is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education.

What is Parent Involvement?

*Parent involvement means the **participation of parents** in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.*

"Research from the University of New Hampshire shows that students do much better in school when their parents are actively involved in their education. — Science Daily (May 28, 2008)

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/05/080527123852.htm>

District Title I Parental Involvement Mission Statement

*District and School-based Title I Parent Involvement Programs in Polk County will strive to **BUILD RELATIONSHIPS** to create **real** family engagement for **every** child, **every** family, **every** teacher, **every** day.*

(Look for this symbol on all Parent Involvement information.)



Parent Involvement
"Building Relationships"

Parent Advisory Team (PAT)

This team meets twice (spring and fall) to review the information in the Parent Involvement Plan and Compact from the previous year and plan for the next year. The meeting information is posted on the Title I website and is available in all of the Title I schools and on individual school websites. If you are interested in being a member of this team, please contact the Principal or Parent Involvement Facilitator at your school.

School Parent Involvement Facilitators

Every Title I school has a Parent Involvement Facilitator who meets with the District Parent Involvement Specialist and District Title I Coordinators every month to discuss all areas of parent involvement. They want to be sure that you have all the information about what your child needs to know, the testing of your child, what you can do to establish a learning environment at home, and ways you can check your child's progress.

Coordination with other Federal Programs

Title I coordinates efforts with many other Federal Programs. These include Title I Part C, Title III, Title IV, Title X and Voluntary PreKindergarten.

Educating School Staff

Many activities are in place to assist the Title I schools to accommodate parents and work together to increase student achievement. These include Family Friendly Schools, Parent Portal (access 24-7 for parents to obtain information on their child's grades, test scores, behavior, etc. – available on the Polk County website-www.polk-fl.net), academic pamphlets, reading backpacks/workbooks, newsletters for private school students served by Title I and School Success Web Content and newsletters giving parents 24-7 assistance in helping their child at home.

Communication and Accessibility

This Parent Involvement Plan Summary is also available in Spanish and Haitian-Creole. A copy is available in any language upon request. Arrangements are made at individual schools to make sure that ALL families are served. If you need special arrangements in order to attend a school meeting, please notify the Parent Involvement Facilitator at your school

Migrant Education – At specific school sites, parent resources are available for learning English, health information, job information, daily living needs and many other community issues.

A Parent Resource Guide, as part of the Code of Conduct, is provided by the District to all schools and contains vital parent and community information.

Additional Information

Polk County Schools website – www.polk-fl.net

FCAT site – www.fldoe.org>FCAT

Title I Parent Involvement website – www.polk-fl.net; Departments>Title I>Parent Involvement
(District Parent Involvement Plan, Right to Know letter, Highly Qualified notice, Choice and SES-tutoring)

Parents,

*Thank you again for taking the time to read this **Parent Involvement Plan Summary**. The complete **District Title I Parent Involvement Plan** is available to you on the District website and at every Title I school. You will also be receiving a **School Parent Involvement Plan Summary** and **School-Parent Compact**. The complete **School Parent Involvement Plan** will be on every school's website.*

If you are interested in being on the committee to review and evaluate the district plan and make suggestions for the 2012-2013 plan, please contact your school Parent Involvement Facilitator or Administrator. Thank you.

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