



## **District Wide Parental Involvement Policy**

**2016-2017**

### **Part 1: General Expectations**

The Jamestown Area School District agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

1. The school district will put into operations programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
2. Consistent with section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
3. The school district will incorporate this district wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA.
4. In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent of practicable, the school district and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon requests, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
5. If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the State Department of Education.

6. The school district will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
7. The school district will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

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

- (A) That parents play an integral role in assisting the child's learning;*
- (B) That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*
- (C) That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;*
- (D) The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 or the ESEA.*

8. The school district will inform parents and parental organizations of the purpose and existence of the Parental Information and Resource Center.

## **Part II: Implementation of Parental Involvement**

1. The Jamestown Area School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its District Wide Parental Involvement Policy under section 1112 of the ESEA:
  - ❖ End of the year survey of the current District Wide Parental Involvement Policy
  - ❖ Beginning of the year committee meeting to review and revise current Title 1 Plan and District Wide Parental Involvement Policy results from survey
2. The Jamestown Area School District will take the following actions to provide parents with reports of their child's progress through the following:
  - ❖ Report Cards
  - ❖ Progress Reports or Progress Monitoring Data
  - ❖ Phone Calls
  - ❖ Letters
  - ❖ Conferences
  - ❖ Test Scores

3. The Jamestown Area School District will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

- ❖ Orientation at Open House
- ❖ Technology Open House during which programs of Read 180 and System 44 are thoroughly introduced to parents
- ❖ IU Parenting Workshops
- ❖ Parent Resource Center
- ❖ Conferences
- ❖ PTO/Title I Family Nights
- ❖ Homework Support
- ❖ Annual Consortium Workshop

4. The Jamestown Area School District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies under the following other programs:

- ❖ Head Start
- ❖ Connection to local preschools
- ❖ Family Center

5. The Jamestown Area School District will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary its parental involvement policies.

- ❖ End of the year survey of the current District Wide Parental Involvement Plan
- ❖ End of the year committee meeting between administration, Title teachers, and parents to discuss findings from survey

Through the Jamestown Area School District's Strategic Planning Process, the Title I Program is reviewed by a team of educators, community members, parents, and school board members. The operation, focus, and delivery of the program are determined. Goals and Action Plans are established for the six-year period of the plan. A copy of this plan is included in the Jamestown Area School District newsletter or can be obtained by calling the Elementary School Office at (724)932-3181.