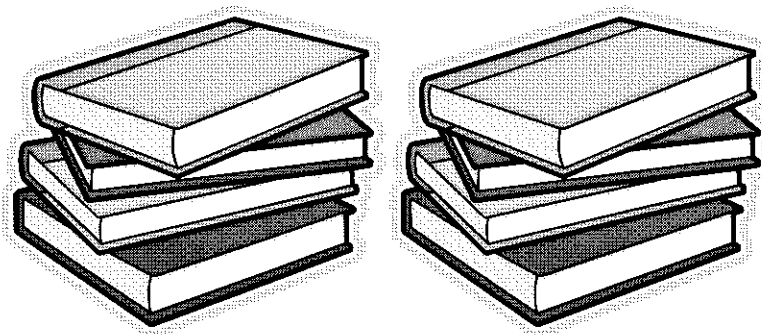


FLAGLER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DISTRICT TITLE I

PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM PLAN



2008-2009

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PART I. General Expectations

The Flagler County Public Schools agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school district will have 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.
- 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 will include a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- The school district will incorporate a district wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements to the extent 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. This will include providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable format, alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in language that parents understand.
- 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.
- The school district will involve the parents of participating children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the one percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is utilized, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- 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 their 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 of the ESEA. (U.S. Department of Education Sample Template)

PARENTAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCE CENTER (PIRC)

Florida has two PIRCS: The Florida Partnership for Family Involvement in Education (<http://www.partnershipcenter.usf.edu>) and The Florida PIRC at Family Network on Disabilities of Florida (<http://fndfl.org>).

Parents may should be directed to the following link:

http://www.floridapartnership.usf.edu/pdfs/NCLB_PIRC_Parent_Notify.pdf.

PART II. Description of How the LEA Will Implement Required District – Wide Parent Involvement Policy Components

1. Flagler County Public Schools will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district-wide parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA:
 - *The district will provide opportunities for parental input at School Advisory Council meetings,*
 - *The district will ensure all Title I principals place the Title I Plan on the School Advisory Council agendas for parental review,*
 - *The district will use public service announcements and school level “Open House” to provide parental involvement information,*
 - *The district will provide Title I information in Title I newsletters,*
 - *The district will use the reverse calling system to provide information to families in the district, and*
 - *The district will provide information to parents using the district website.*

2. Flagler County Public Schools will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:
 - *The district will ensure that each Title I School provide parents with a copy of the schools’ Parent Involvement Policy,*
 - *Title I Schools will notify parents and survey parents by e-mail,*
 - *The district will provide on going information to parents using the call notification system and the district website.,*
 - *The district will include information in student planners, handbooks and separate mailings,*
 - *Each school will provide for an annual “Open House” at the beginning of the school year to address and revise suggestions and concerns parents may have at the district and school level, and*
 - *Each school, to the extent possible, will send notifications to parents in other languages and in a format that parents can understand.*

3. Flagler County Public Schools 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:
 - *Collaborate and coordinate programs with other community agencies to involve parents,*
 - *Insure that Title I School make parents aware of available resource materials for check out by the parents,*
 - *Provide the district Parent Involvement Plan and the Title I Compacts for parents and students at each Title I School,*
 - *Ensure that all parents receive technical assistance handouts,*
 - *Encourage parental involvement through newsletters that encourage parents to participate in their child's education and explain how parental involvement improves the academic quality of schools,*
 - *Encourage parental input through district and school newsletters and on-line surveys, and*
 - *Provide information to schools about literacy trainings provided in the community through out the school year.*

4. Flagler County Public Schools will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Title I, Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs:
 - *The district will be a collaborative partner with the Flagler-Volusia Early Learning Coalition, Head Start, FDLRS, the Flagler County Health Department and the Flagler Youth Coalition and the GAP Commission,*
 - *The district will ensure that Title I Schools develop jointly with parents a school-parent compact and outline how parents, school and students share responsibility for improved academic achievement,*
 - *Share results of parent surveys done on-line and newsletter surveys to improve parent workshop offerings, and*
 - *Ensure the results of school climate surveys are shared with parents and used in the development of needs assessments.*

5. Flagler County Public Schools will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, and annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention paid to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation regarding its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.

- *The district will provide each school with a template to report parent participation and involvement throughout the school year,*
- *Title I Schools will survey parents regarding the quality and number of parental offerings during the school year,*
- *The district will develop an on-line parent involvement survey to plan activities for the school year,*
- *Attendance records, agendas and evaluations will be kept in the District Title I Office to document parental activities,*
- *Each school will use parental involvement evaluations in planning their School Improvement Plan, and*
- *The district will share district and school evaluation results from the Department of Education in order to improve parent involvement activities.*

6. Flagler County Public Schools will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following activities specifically described below:

A. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A Schools, provide assistance to the parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by sharing with parents:

- *State academic content standards,*
- *State student academic achievement standards,*

- *State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,*
- *The requirements of Title I Part A,*
- *How to monitor their child's progress,*
- *How to work with educators ,and*
- *Provide a Parent Resource Guide to each family in the district.*

- The school district will, with the assistance of its schools, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement. Parent materials may include but are not limited to:
 - *Sunshine State Standards,*
 - *FCAT scoring and data meetings,*
 - *Reading, Math and Writing,*
 - *FCAT Explorer, and*
 - *Parents Right to Know.*

- The district will provide literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by:
 - *Providing information concerning available on-line tutoring programs,*
 - *Providing school site literacy training, and*
 - *Providing make and take computers through the Adult Education Department of Flagler County Schools.*

- The school district will educate the entire school staff on how to communicate and work with parents as equal partners and how to coordinate parent programs between parents and schools, by:
 - *Providing resources and assistance planning for each school's staff on how to communicate and work with parents, and*

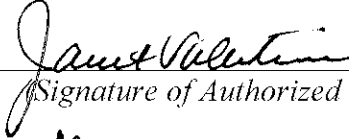
- *Provide new teachers with resources and assistance on how to communicate and work with parents at the beginning of the school year.*
- The school district will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as operating parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in participating in the education of their children by:
 - *Participating and collaborating with the Flagler-Volusia Early Learning Coalition,*
 - *Providing links on the district website site announcing parent involvement opportunities, and*
 - *Providing notifications on the district calendar notifying families and the community of parent involvement activities.*
- The school district will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.
 - *Provide translations of documents, to the extent possible, for parents at each school upon request,*
 - *Provide required NCLB notices to parents in a language and format parents can understand,*
 - *Use conversational translators when possible to notify parents of workshops and meetings, and*
 - *Use the district reverse call system to notify families of parent programs and meetings in other languages.*

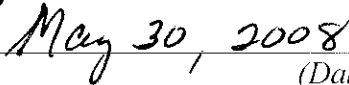
PART III. Discretionary LEA Title I Parent Involvement Policy
Components

- Providing necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds, if the school district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training,
- Paying 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,
- Training parents to enhance the involvement of other parents,
- Maximizing parental involvement and participation in their children's education by arranging school meetings at a variety of times or conducting home conferences between teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children and parents who are unable to attend those conference at school,
- Adopting and implementing model approaches to improving parental involvement,
- Establishing a district wide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs,
- Developing appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities, and
- Providing other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 as parents may request.

This LEA Title I Parent Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by the District Level Parent Advisory meeting held March 2008.

This policy was adopted by the Flagler County Public School's Title I Office on May 30, 2008 and will be in effect for the period of 2008-2009 school year. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before October 15, 2008.



(Signature of Authorized Official)


(Date)