



Title I, Part A School Parent/Guardian Involvement Policy

Statement of Purpose

Ridgewood Public Schools is dedicated to providing high-quality education for all students. The District recognizes that some students need additional assistance to achieve their full potential. Various educational services are available to these students, some of which are made possible through the use of Title I, Part A federal funding.

Open lines of communication between home and school contribute to the enhancement of learning conditions and opportunities for our students. It is the intention of all Ridgewood schools in receipt of Title I, Part A funding to involve parents in the development of policies and to receive feedback on the effectiveness of programming. Students will be well-positioned for success through the development and enhancement of partnerships between home and our schools.

School-Level Meetings for Title I Parents/Guardians

Ridgewood schools in receipt of Title I, Part A funds will each hold an annual meeting for parents/guardians. The meeting will be held at a convenient time and location for all parents, and parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs will be directly invited to attend. Language translation will be provided, if necessary.

At the school-level meetings, parents/guardians will be informed of any changes to Title I guidelines, as well as any variations from the previous year's program. Suggestions regarding the design, development, and implementation of the Title I programs are welcome. We encourage parents/guardians to share their opinions on the effectiveness of these programs throughout the school year.

Copies of District Policy 2415.04: Title I - District-Wide Parental Involvement will be distributed at the annual meeting. We encourage parents/guardians to provide feedback on this policy to inform revisions and updates, as necessary. We also encourage parents/guardians to provide feedback on the School Level Parent Involvement Policy.

A draft of the School-Parent Compact will also be discussed, agreed upon, and finalized at the annual meeting.

School-Parent Compacts

In accordance with Title I regulations, each school will develop a School-Parent Compact with the parents of students participating in Title I programs. This compact enables the school and parents to share responsibility for student performance and success. The compact will explain how students, parents, and staff share responsibility for student performance and success. All parents will receive a copy of the compact, detailing the responsibilities that teachers, parents, and students have in helping students accomplish their goals. Parent/student signatures will not be required, however, parents are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact with their student.