

Ohio County Schools

2017-2018

Local Educational Agency Parental Involvement Policy

PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

The Ohio County School System agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school district will put into operation 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 policy meets 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.
- The Ohio County School System will incorporate this district wide parent involvement policy into its Local Education Agency (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 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 request and, to the extent practicable, in language 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 will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the State Department of Education.
- The Ohio County School System 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 to parental involvement is spent and the Ohio County School System will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- The Ohio County School system 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.*

- The Ohio County School System will create Parental Information and Resource Centers in all Ohio County Schools and will inform parents and parental organizations of the purpose and existence of the parent information and Resource Centers as well as provide information about West Virginia parent programs.

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW DISTRICT WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED DISTRICT WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. The Ohio County School System shall take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development and review of its district-wide parental involvement policy under section 1112 of the ESEA:
 - A county-wide Federal Programs Parent Advisory Council will be formed.
 - The Federal Programs Parent Advisory Council will meet at least twice a year with the Director of Federal Programs.
 - The Federal Programs Parent Advisory Council will provide input to the parental involvement plan by completing surveys, completing questionnaires, and participating in meetings.
2. The Ohio County School system will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA.
 - Ohio County Schools will publish the Ohio County Schools Parent Involvement Policy on the Ohio County website and on all individual schools' website. In addition, assessment data for all schools will be available on the Ohio County website when it is available from the West Virginia Department of Education.
 - The television program at Wheeling Park High School, aired on WLU Channel 14, will feature a special edition about student performance on all state assessments.
 - Ohio County Schools will host an open house at each school inviting all parents and community members to visit the schools in order to meet with administrators and teachers.
 - The Ohio County Schools Board of Education will invite all parents to participate in the Local School Improvement Council board meeting.
3. The Ohio County School System 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:
 - The Title I Home School Intervention Counselors and Title I staff at each school will be designated and will offer training to support personalized learning for students to parents at

all schools. Training sessions will include topics such as study tips and helping students with mathematics and reading.

- The Title I Home School Intervention Counselors and Title I staff at each school will provide parents with research-based materials on effective parenting to support personalized learning for students, improving student academic achievement, and school performance.
- The Title I Home School Intervention Counselors and Title I staff will work collaboratively with parents to improve student attendance and student achievement.

4. The Ohio County School System will coordinate and integrate parent involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs:

- Crittenton Services, Inc.
- Easter Seals
- Head Start
- Universal Preschool

5. The Ohio County School System 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 evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention 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 about 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.

- Parent surveys will be completed at each school. The Title I staff will be responsible for the distribution and collection of the surveys. The Title I staff will be responsible for reporting on the data collected from the surveys. The Title I staff will assist all parents with accessing online surveys, if applicable. The data collected will be used in developing the school's five-year plans.


6. The Ohio County School System 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:

- the State's academic content standards,
- the State's student academic achievement standards,
- the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- the requirements of Part A,
- how to monitor their child's progress, and
- how to work with educators.

➤ Parent meetings will be scheduled at each school to discuss the following information:

1. West Virginia College and Career Readiness Standards
2. WVDE benchmark/interim data
3. PALS data
4. WV General Summative Assessment data


Each school will share academic progress data with parents.

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- Parents will be given the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Title I staff to discuss their child's performance.
 - Parent meetings will be scheduled to discuss the schools' five-year strategic plans and the Ohio County Schools' five-year strategic plan as well as the individual school's Parent Involvement Policies.
 - The Title I Home School Intervention Counselors and Title I staff at each school will meet with parents and assist them in working with educators. The Title I Home School Intervention Counselors and Title I staff at each school will plan activities for parents at their home schools.

B. 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, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by the following:

- All schools will host Family Fun Nights. During Family Fun Nights parents and their children will be taught activities that can be done at home to improve student learning and achievement.
- Computer labs will be utilized to teach parents how to help their children at home.
- Parents will be invited to schools with their children to participate in learning activities, and principals will notify parents of this opportunity.


C. The school district will, with the assistance of its schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, about the value of parents' contributions, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

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- The Title I Home School Intervention Counselors and Title I staff at each school will hold workshops for the principal(s) and teachers about how to work with parents.
 - All Title I staff will participate in school specific collaborative teams which focus on improving parent engagement.
 - All schools will develop and implement professional learning communities/collaborative teams to improve student learning and achievement.

D. The school district will, to the extent of feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Universal Preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by providing the following activities:

- The Title I Home School Intervention Counselors and Title I staff at each school will participate in articulation meetings with Partners in Education.
- The Title I Home School Intervention Counselors and Title I staff at each school will meet with parents and provide information to them about participating in the education of their children.

E. 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 and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

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- Parent newsletters will be distributed to each parent by the school.
 - The Ohio County Schools Communications Coordinator will send information related to the school and parent programs to the media. The Ohio County Schools' website, on each school's website, and available in hard copy at each school.

- Information related to the school and parent programs will be posted on school websites, marquees, and via the School Messenger system.

PART III. DISCRETIONARY DISTRICT WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVMENT POLICY COMPONENTS


Additionally, the Ohio County School System, in consultation with its schools and parents, will build parents' capacity for involvement in the school to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under section 1118(e) of the ESEA:

- providing necessary literacy training for parents coordinated by the Title I Home School Intervention Counselors and Title I staff from each school;
- assisting with transportation and child care associated with parental involvement activities to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions held at the school;
- training parents to encourage the involvement of other parents conducted by the Title I Home School Intervention Counselors and Title I staff from each school;
- arranging school meetings during the day and evenings for parents who are unable to attend scheduled school conferences;
- conducting in-home conferences between educators and parents coordinated by the Title I Home School Intervention Counselors;
- adopting and implementing model approaches to improving parental involvement using research-based strategies; and
- establishing a district-wide Parent Advisory Council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs.

PART IV. ADOPTION

This District-wide Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

This policy was adopted by the Ohio County Board of Education on September 5, 2017, and will be in effect for the period of 2017-2018 school year. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before October 6, 2017.



President, Ohio County Schools Board of Education

9/5/2017

Date



Superintendent, Ohio County Schools, 2017-2018

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Date