

## **Title I District-School Parental Involvement Policy**

### **PART I.**

The Stillwater Twp School District 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 programs. Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- The school district will work to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the Title I requirements, and include, as a component, a school-parent compact.
- The school district will incorporate this district wide parental involvement policy into its district plan.
- In carrying out the Title I, parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school district and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the district plan for Title I 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 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 school district will inform parents and parental organizations of the purpose and existence of the Parental Information and Resource Center in New Jersey.

### **PART II.**

1. The Stillwater Twp School district will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district/school parental involvement plan.
  - Annual school-wide meeting
  - Bi-annual regional district meeting

2. The Stillwater Twp School district will convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved;

*Stillwater Child Study Team office – September/October*

*-Be sure to check the school newsletter for specific date and time*

3. The Stillwater Twp School district will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement;

*-Annual meeting to take place during the morning*

*-Bi-annual meeting to take place on two, separate evenings*

4. The Stillwater Twp School District 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 provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph --

- 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 Title I,
- How to monitor their child's progress, and
- How to work with educators
- Regional workshops will be provided two times annually on a variety of topics to support parents of Title 1 and special needs students.

The Stillwater Twp School District will provide parents of participating children, if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practically possible.

B. The school/district will provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by;

*- Providing evening clubs for families to become familiar with curriculum and how to help students at home.*

C. The school/district will 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. In the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

*- Developing family club nights*

D. 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, the Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public 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;

*-Maintain and continue partnerships with Head Start*

*- Maintain and continue partnerships with Project Self-Sufficiency*

*-Include preschool parents as part of our bi-annual parent meetings/workshops*

E. The school/district will take the following actions to ensure that Title I 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;

*-Regional flyer*

*-Newsletter*

*-Dissemination amongst all sending districts*

6. The Stillwater Twp School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement:

*-Annual Title 1 parent meeting*

*-Bi-annual regional meetings*

*-Parent workshops*

### **PART III. SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

As a component of the school-level parental involvement policy, each school shall jointly develop with parents for all children served under this part a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

*See compact*

**PART V. ACCESSIBILITY**

In carrying out the parental involvement requirements of this part, districts and schools, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents can understand.

**PART VI. ADOPTION**

This District/School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I programs, as evidenced by **meeting minutes**.

This policy was adopted by the **Stillwater Twp Board of Education** on 07/24/2023 and will be in effect for the period of one year. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I children on or before **10/15/23**.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Marissa Cramer* \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Title I Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_ 7/6/23 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)