

Polk County Public Schools Parent Involvement Mission Statement



Parent Involvement
"Building Relationships"

District and School-based Title I Parent Involvement Programs in Polk County will strive to **BUILD RELATIONSHIPS** to create **real** family engagement for **every** child, **every** family, **every** teacher, **every** day.

What is Parent Involvement?

Parent involvement means the **participation of parents** in regular, two-way meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities about their children's education.

Engaging parents in the education process is essential to improved academic success for students. Education is a responsibility shared by the school and the family throughout the student's school career in our district.

Polk County Schools will foster and support active parent involvement so that schools and parents work together as partners in educating children.

Public Law 107-110 requires that all Title I schools

- 1) Sponsor an annual meeting for parents to inform them of the Title I law and how it supports their child's education.
- 2) Involve parents in developing and/or writing and revising the Parent Involvement Plan (PIP) and school-parent-compact.
- 3) Provide training and workshops to build capacity with parents and staff to raise student achievement and encourage active participation of parents in their child's education.
- 4) Utilize a percentage of their school's Title I allocation to support a parent involvement program. The School Advisory Council provides input in determining how the Title I funds are used.

Steps to a Successful Title I program

- 1) In order to raise **student achievement** and provide **effective instruction**
 - A) A **comprehensive needs assessment** reveals what is needed for all students to meet educational standards.
 - B) **Planning** is done to decide how to best meet the needs shown in the assessment.
 - C) **Support and resources** that will best meet the needs of all students are identified.
 - D) **Ongoing reviews and evaluations** are done to see if there has been improvement and to make changes as needed.
- 2) **Professional development** is provided for teachers to receive training for helping students with specific learning needs.
- 3) **Ongoing parent engagement** through communication, academic events, and other school activities is provided to parents. Schools make available to all parents and the local community the Parent Involvement Plan and summary brochure. Parents are included in the school and district Title I decisions and evaluation.

Activities to Build Capacity

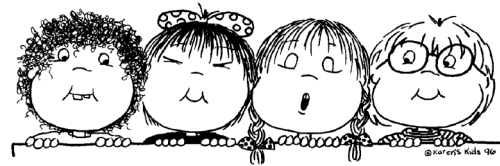
The District provides the Title I schools with information, resources and activities to assist in educating their staff to work cooperatively with parents to promote engagement of families in their child's education and increase student achievement. These may include: creating family friendly schools, using technology, communicating effectively with parents, providing tips for parent conferencing, and other topics of interest.

Your school will host academic workshops for parents with flexible dates and times and provide materials and resources in multiple languages. Workshops are based on school/parent needs and should provide a variety of materials and tools to help parents help their child. Schools strive to address barriers by providing meals, transportation, childcare, and translation for the workshops to encourage parent attendance at the workshops.

School websites provide information to parents and a link to the District's website. The school's website will also include information on parent workshops, the parent involvement plan and the school improvement plan.

Ways that you can be involved!

- Attend the Annual Parent Meeting, open house, orientation and other programs offered at your school.
- Meet with your child's teacher and communicate on an ongoing basis about your child's progress. Attend parent teacher conferences.
- Read the school PIP (parent involvement plan) and sign the school-parent compact. The compact outlines expectations for the school, parent and child.
- Join the SAC, PTA/PTO, or other organizations at your school. Take advantage of opportunities to volunteer at your school.



District Parent Advisory Teams (D-PAT)

The D-PAT meets twice each school year (spring/fall) to review, rewrite and/or revise the information in the District Parent Involvement Plan and brochure summary. The fall meeting is held in the District Title I training room. In the spring, the D-PAT holds five regional meetings in Polk County. The school Title I parent involvement contact person at each Title I school is invited to attend along with a team of parents from their school. Please check with the Title I office or your child's school to confirm date and location as the date approaches.

Any parent of a child who attends a Title I school is welcome to be on the D-PAT. If you are interested in being a member please contact the principal or the Title I parent involvement contact at your school. You may also contact the District Title I parent involvement coordinator at 863-519-3603 at the Title I office.

What is Title I ?

Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. Title I is part of ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) signed into law in 1965 by President Lyndon Johnson. In December 2001, President Bush signed into law the "No Child Left Behind Act".

The goal of Title I is to improve student achievement through;

- effective instruction,
- professional development, and
- parent involvement.

Title I funds are supplemental and may be used to:

- add highly qualified teachers and support staff.
- support parent and community involvement efforts.
- provide resources that encourage and support parents in becoming partners in their child's education.
- provide staff development.
- purchase additional instructional materials and supplies.

Coordination with other Federal Programs

Title I coordinates efforts with many other Federal Programs to meet the needs of our students and families. These include Title I Part C (Migrant), Title III (English language learners), Title X (Homeless), Title II (improving teacher quality), and FDLRS (Florida Diagnostic & Resources System), and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten.

We partner with other Federal programs and community non-profit organizations to host a Spring and Fall Parent University.

Title 1 Books Bridge Bus

The Books Bridge Bus provides parents and students three computers with internet and printing, Parent Portal, online subscriptions, free books with lessons, and iPad Classes. The Books Bridge Bus has a weekly schedule visiting the parent centers and a neighborhood near you.

Please visit our website for a list of dates, times, and locations or call Jacqueline Rose @ 863-647-4714.

Title I/VPK Program

The preschool programs and Title I have partnered to provide a full-day PreK program at each Title I school. Each PreK classroom serves 18 four year old children and is staffed with a certified teacher and a CDA (Child Development Associate).



There is no cost to parents and the program enrolls children zoned for the Title I school. To apply, contact Polk's Preschool Program office at 863-648-3051 or visit the PCSB website for additional information.

The Mission of Polk County Public Schools is to provide a high quality education for all students.

Parent Informational Resource Centers



Each parent center is located on the campus of a Title I School. Every parent with a student in a Title I school is encouraged to visit and participate in the center closest to their home.

The parent centers are located on the campus of

Frost proof Elementary	863-635-8600
Sleepy Hill Elementary	863-815-6787
Combee Elementary	863-668-3035
Garner Elementary	863-965-5488
Mulberry Middle School	863-425-9288

The centers are open

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
7:30 AM to 3:00 PM (Centers on Elementary Campus)
8:00 AM to 3:30 PM (Center on a Middle School Campus)

Tuesday and Thursday
10:30 AM to 6:00 PM
or 12:30 PM to 8:00 PM (For Evening Classes)

Here are a few things the centers offer

- Informational brochures and pamphlets on a variety of topics
- Information on local community resources, including **ACCESS**
- Materials to check out and use at home with your child.
- Parent Resource Library
- ACT/SAT Test Prep materials
- GED study guides and adult school information
- Visits from the Books Bridge Bus
- Learn English with Rosetta Stone
- Computers for parent use
- Bilingual materials
- Family game nights and craft nights offered 4 x a year
- Coffee and Conversation for parents offered on the first and third Friday of each month at each center
- AGAPE mobile food pantry will visit quarterly to different centers
- FREE homework help for students K-8th grade on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00-6:00 PM
- FREE Parent Workshops on bullying, positive parenting, behavior, financial literacy, interviewing for a job, substance abuse, academics, graduation requirements, testing, writing a resume, using your public library, healthy cooking, internet safety, bike safety, stranger danger, and many other topics

Parent Center Website

www.polk-fl.net/parents/involvement/pirc.htm

Parent University Website

www.polk-fl.net/parents/involvement/plug.htm



Title I Parent University

September 12 at Lake Region High School

Tentative —February 27 at Location TBA

8:30 AM -1:00 PM

Keynote speaker, workshops for parents, FREE transportation, limited childcare, lunch, door prizes!

In 2015-2016 the following schools qualify for Title I services.

51 Elementary Schools
18 Middle Schools
8 High Schools
6 Combination Schools

Elementary Schools

Alta Vista
Alturas
Auburndale Central
Ben Hill Griffin Jr.
Boswell
Caldwell
Churchwell
Combee
Crystal Lake
Dixieland
Dr. N.E.Roberts
Dundee
Eagle Lake
Eastside
Elbert
Floral Avenue
Frostproof
Garden Grove
Garner
Gibbons Street
Griffin
Horizons
Inwood
Jesse Keen
Kathleen
Kingsford

Lake Alfred
Lake Shipp
Laurel
Lena Vista
Lewis Anna Woodbury
Loughman Oaks
Medulla
North Lakeland
Oscar J. Pope
*Our Children's Acad.
Padgett
Palmetto
Philip O'Brien
Pinewood
Polk City
Purcell
R. Bruce Wagner
Sandhill
Sleepy Hill
Snively
Socrum
Southwest
Spook Hill
Stephens
Wahneta
Winston

Middle Schools (6-8)

Bartow Middle School
Boone Middle School
Compass Middle Charter School*
Crystal Lake Middle School
Denison Middle School
Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred*
Dundee Ridge Academy
Daniel Jenkins Academy
Kathleen Middle School
Lake Alfred Addair Middle School
Lake Gibson Middle School
Lake Marion Creek (K-8)
McLaughlin Middle School
Mulberry Middle School
Sleepy Hill Middle School
Southwest Middle School
Stambaugh Middle School
Westwood Middle School

High Schools (9-12)

Fort Meade (6-12)
Frostproof (6-12)
Haines City High School
Kathleen High School
*New Beginnings (6-12)
Ridge Community
Tenoroc High School
Mulberry High School

ESE Centers

Doris A. Sanders (PK, K-12)
Jean O'Dell (PK-12)
Karen M. Siegel Academy (PK-12)
Roosevelt Academy (PK, 6-12)

* Charter Schools



Polk County Public Schools TITLE I Parent Involvement Plan Summary



Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to read this Parent Involvement Plan Summary. The complete District Title I Parent Involvement Plan is available to you on the District website, each Title I school's website, and at each Title I school in the parent involvement notebook located in the front office.

You will also receive a School Parent Involvement Plan Summary and School-Parent Compact. The complete School Parent Involvement Plan will be on every school's website and in the school's Title I parent involvement notebook located in the front office.

If you are interested in being on the committee to review and evaluate the district plan and make suggestions for the 2016-2017 plan, please contact the parent involvement coordinator at the Title I office.

Thank you.

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Polk County Public Schools

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<http://www.polk-fl.net/districtinfo/departments/learning/title1>

