

## **Title I School Parent & Family Engagement Policy**

Fratt Elementary School will involve parents in regular, two-way meaningful communication addressing student achievement and ensuring:

- that parents and family members play an integral role in assisting their child's learning,
- that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education, and
- 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.
- Elementary School agrees to implement requirements to:
- Involve parents and family members in the joint planning and development of the school's Title I plan through representation on the school team and participation in meetings.
- Involve parents in the development, implementation, and review of Parent School Compacts. The compact will be discussed and signed during fall parent-teacher conferences and reviewed during spring conferences. The compact will also be posted on the school's website.
- Involve parents and family members in the planning and development of effective family engagement activities through representation on each building's Title I Needs Assessment/Evaluation Committee or Schoolwide Committee. Committee meetings will be scheduled flexibly with the needs of parents and family members in mind, including providing transportation to meetings, child care, or home visits, as needed.
- Build the schools' and parents' capacity for family engagement by:
  - Providing parents with information on grade-level curriculum, achievement levels of state academic standards, assessments, requirements of Title I, monitoring their child's progress, and working with educators. Information will be provided during an annual fall meeting, at parent-teacher conferences.
- Provide materials, resources and training to help parents and families work with their children to improve academic achievement. Resources will be provided during Parent trainings and family education nights. These nights will be planned each year based on the school needs assessment and may include a family Literacy Night, Math Night, etc.
  - Communicating regularly with parents in clear and understandable terms. This will include opportunities for parents to participate in decision-making roles, volunteer opportunities, Title I meetings, classroom newsletters, an annual parent survey, parent school compacts, and parent-teacher conferences. Parent-teacher meetings will be scheduled at any time, as requested by parents.
  - Providing educators, school leaders, and other school staff with opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents and families as partners in student achievement and school improvement. Parents serving on each building's Title I Needs Assessment/Evaluation Committee or Schoolwide Committee will help develop professional development opportunities.

This Fratt Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I programs as evidenced by meeting minutes.