

TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY RIO TIERRA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



RIO TIERRA JR. HIGH SCHOOL has developed a written Title I parental involvement policy with input from Title I parents. *The school met in two parent involvement retreats at the district office and developed the policy with staff and parents. We distributed the policy by sending it home with students and distributing it to all parents attending Back to School Night.* The policy describes the means for carrying out the following Title I parental involvement requirements.

INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS IN THE TITLE I PROGRAM:

To involve parents in the Title I program at Rio Tierra Jr. High School, the following practices have been established:

- The school convenes an annual meeting to inform parents of Title I students about Title I requirements and about the right of parents to be involved in the Title I program.
Back to School night is scheduled for 28, 2014. The principal has prepared a PowerPoint presentation, which will be presented at the meeting. It will include achievement data, updates on the CCSS and how it will be implemented at the site. It will also inform parents about how they can become involved with activities at the site and how they can assist their children with their schoolwork.
- The school offers a flexible number of meetings for Title I parents, such as meetings in the morning or evening.
RT has a parent Title Back to school Night, which is held an hour before the regular Back to School Night Event. This important meeting was scheduled at this time at the request of parents, because it made it easier to attend the two events on the same night....SSC meetings are held in the afternoons, and Coffee with the principal meeting are held in the mornings. Parents are always asked to provide input for their most desirable meeting times, which facilitates maximum attendance.
- The school involves parents of Title I students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I programs and the Title I parental involvement policy.
The Parent Involvement plan and compact were reviewed, evaluated, and updated in two district Parent Involvement Retreats. Parents were invited to attend to participate in the updates of these two documents. SSC and ELAC provide input for the development of the Single Plan for Student Achievement and all Programs at the school.
- The school provides parents of Title I students with timely information about Title I programs.
Information about Title I programs is provided regularly to parents through the Annual Title I Meeting, the Parent Center, monthly Coffee with the Principal events, ELAC and SSC meetings, and Frequent notices home through Teleparent and SchoolLoop.
- The school provides parents of Title I students with an explanation of the curriculum used at the school, the assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
Information about the curriculum, assessments, and proficiency levels is provided at the Annual Title I meeting, at grade level orientations, through the webpage, parent conferences,

SchoolLoop, SST committees, and monthly Coffee with the Principal events.

If requested by parents of Title I students, the school provides opportunities for regular meetings that allow the parents to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.

At SSC, ELAC. Coffee with the Principal, parents have opportunities to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. Parents are also involved in the decision making process during parent-teacher conferences, SSTs and IEPs.

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR INVOLVEMENT:

School Name engages Title I parents in meaningful interactions with the school. It supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school has established the following practices:

- The school provides Title I parents with assistance in understanding the State's academic content standards. *invited to parent trainings at the district level, The Annual Parent Involvement Meeting, conferences, Coffee with the Principal, homework help, SSC and ELAC meetings where assessments and content standards are discussed.*
- The school provides Title I parents with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement. *Our parents are invited to freely use the parent center on site, parents are also invited to district sponsored parent trainings. The site assists parents in using technology to access SchoolLoop and the webpage.*
- With the assistance of Title I parents, the school educates staff members about the value of parent contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners. *Parent involvement is stressed at staff meetings. Staff attends district parent involvement retreats along with parents. Teachers and staff keep up with SchoolLoop to ensure that parents have timely information about their children's progress in their classes.*
- The school coordinates and integrates the Title I parental involvement program with other programs, and conducts other activities, such as parent resource centers, to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. *Rio Tierra maintains a parent center to encourage parents to be actively involved on campus. Parents are invited to attend all school events and volunteer in school programs.*
- The school distributes Information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to Title I parents in a format and language that the parents understand. *Rio Tierra uses the services of the district EL department to translate many of their important notices to parents. Additional, on site staff provide translations and interpretation in some languages.*
- The school provides support for parental involvement activities requested by Title I parents. *Through the parent center, SSC, and ELAC, Coffee with the Principal, and informal communications, parents provide input and make requests for parent involvement activities.*

ACCESSIBILITY

Rio Tierra Junior High School provides opportunities for the participation of all Title I parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. Information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parents understand.

The RT staff is very supportive and inclusive of all parents. We provide a parent center, communications in primary languages, individualized conferences and meetings, and a general open door policy.

Adapted from the CDE *Sample Title I School-Level Parental Involvement Policy*