

Irene-Wakonda School District Parent Involvement Policy

Part I: District Expectations

The Irene-Wakonda School District agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school district will put into operation programs, activities, and procedures for the engagement of parents and families in all of its schools with Title I 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 and families of participating children.
- Consistent with section 1118, the Irene-Wakonda School District will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parent involvement policies meet 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 Irene-Wakonda School District will incorporate this district wide parent involvement policy into its LEA Plan developed under section 1112 of ESEA.
- The Irene-Wakonda School District will, to the extent practicable, 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 the alternative formats upon request, and to the extent practicable, in a language that the parent understands.
- If the Irene-Wakonda School District Improvement Plan for Title I, Part A, developed under Section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the Irene-Wakonda School District will submit any parent comments with the plan when the district submits the plan to the South Dakota Department of Education.
- The Irene-Wakonda School District will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in the decision about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95% of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- The Irene-Wakonda School District will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out program, 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 the following:
 - That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
 - That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
 - 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

- The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA

Part II: District Parental Involvement Policy Required Components

1. The Irene-Wakonda School District will take the following actions to involve parents and families in the joint development of its district parent and family engagement policy:
 - a. Each year, a parent meeting will be held with parents invited to review and revise the parent involvement policies.
 - b. The Irene-Wakonda School District welcomes feedback from parents and community members. Parents and community members are also given the opportunity to attend monthly school board meetings.
 - c. The Irene-Wakonda School District will support the Title I school in the district to establish meetings, activities, and family engagement opportunities.
2. The Irene Wakonda School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the establishment of objectives for meaningful parent and family engagement:
 - a. Communication between home and school will be emphasized and prioritized. Schools will encourage the use of communication tools to reach parents including, but not limited to, phone calls, notes, emails, text messages, communication apps, etc.
 - b. The school district will support and educate staff on appropriate communication techniques and discuss the importance of parent and family involvement and engagement.
 - c. Invite parents to Open House, Parent Teacher Conferences, and other opportunities for parent engagement at the school site.
 - d. Invite parents to the annual parent meeting and encourage parents to provide input.
3. The Irene-Wakonda School District will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:
 - a. Teachers may help to organize a Family Fun Night for parents and students.
 - b. Teachers contact parents to discuss their child's progress and needs in school
 - c. District employees give parents information on accessing their child's information on Infinite Campus.
 - d. Provide staff with collaboration time to discuss parent involvement strategies.
 - e. Parent-teacher conferences will be held two times per year.
4. The Irene-Wakonda School District will build the school's and parent's capacity for strong parent involvement and develop strategies to support successful school and family interactions by doing the following:
 - a. Parents will be instructed how to access their student's records and progress on Infinite Campus
 - b. Provide parents with information about Title I, its programs, curriculum, assessments, and student progress in a timely manner
 - c. Provide assistance in understanding the South Dakota content standards
 - d. Help teachers/staff and families develop strong connections through communication
 - e. Develop a school Facebook page to keep parents informed of school happenings

5. The Irene-Wakonda School District will coordinate and integrate parent and family involvement strategies under Title I with parent and family engagement from other programs including:
 - a. Head Start
 - b. Irene-Wakonda Preschool
 - c. Daycare providers
6. The Irene-Wakonda School District will conduct with involvement of parents and family members an annual evaluation of the district policy by:
 - a. The Title I team will have an annual meeting to discuss and review the current school Title I policies and parent compact. Input from parents will be welcome.
 - b. Parents of students in the Title I program will be given a survey concerning the Title I program and parent and family involvement.
7. The Irene-Wakonda School District will involve parents in the activities of schools served under the Title I program by:
 - a. Supporting and encouraging teachers to have ongoing communication with families in an effort to build a team atmosphere for the betterment of their student's education.
 - b. Create a safe and welcoming environment where families feel welcome.
 - c. Provide opportunities for parents to be involved in district planning.
 - d. Invite parents to Parent-Teacher Conferences and Title I Family Night.
 - e. Provide assistance to parents to better understand the statewide assessments given to students.
 - f. Helping parents obtain access to Infinite Campus and their child's progress.

Part III: Discretionary District Parental Involvement Policy Components

In consultation with parents, the Irene-Wakonda School District may build parent capacity for involvement in school to support their children's academic achievement, through the following activities:

- a. Arranging school meetings at a variety of times to accommodate family needs
- b. Develop community relationships to enhance parent involvement
- c. Provide reasonable support for parent involvement activities
- d. Encouraging classroom teachers to send home frequent newsletters summarizing what the students have been learning about and what tools are available to assist in that continued learning.

Part IV: Adoption of District Policy

This district wide parental involvement plan has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A at the beginning of the school year. This policy was revised in December 2018.