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The written policy is developed and agreed with parents of enrolled children and describes how the school will:

-  Specifically support the involvement of parents
-  Convene an annual Title I meeting to inform parents of their rights to be involved in the program
-  Coordinate Title I parental involvement strategies with other educational programs
-  Offer a flexible number of meetings
-  Educate and train teachers, principals and all other staff in how to successfully work with parents
-  Provide timely information about Title I programs to parents including school curriculum and assessments used to measure student progress
-  Evaluate the Title I program and activities annually with parents and use the findings to modify for increased effectiveness
-  Provide information regarding programs, meetings and procedures in a language and format that all families can easily understand

The LEA reviews the policy annually to determine if the plan increased the academic quality of the school.

Tips for writing an effective plan:

-  Write an authentic policy, not one for “your eyes only”
-  Dovetail existing programs into the policy as specific evidence of how parent engagement will be promoted and linked to learning. Example: *“Anyplace Elementary School will build on the capacity for strong parental involvement to improve academic achievement through parent training, PTA, Family Night, and Parent Resource Center.”*
-  Create new parent involvement opportunities to meet “gaps” identified in yearly parent surveys
-  Utilize community resources such as Arizona State PIRC and other federal programs like Head Start, Early Reading First and 21st Century to strengthen and enhance parent engagement
-  Make the policy available in quarterly newsletters, meetings, and post on website and school office
-  Simplify written communication and provide in an easy to understand format, and in the families’ preferred language
-  Ensure parents are part of writing the plan by soliciting their ideas and considering their suggestions

Additional Resources for Parent Engagement Policies

www.ped.state.nm.us

http://www.doe.in.gov/TitleI/bulletin/2005-11/sample_parent-involvement.pdf

www.ncpie.org/nclbbulletin/NCLBBulletin1.pdf

www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/nclb/downloads/pi_FAQ_rev2.pdf -

www.cleweb.org/issues/title1/tool.htm

www.ets.org/Media/About_ETS/pdf/title1-2.pdf