

Conemaugh Township Area School District

Title I District Parent & Family Engagement Policy

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The Conemaugh Township Area School District is committed to the belief that all children can learn and acknowledges that parents share the school's commitment to the educational success of their children.

The Conemaugh Township Area School District believes that the education of students is a joint responsibility that is shared by the parents/guardians. To ensure that the best interests of each student are served in the education process, a strong program of communication and cooperation between home and school must be maintained and parental involvement encouraged.

The Conemaugh Township Area School District feels that it is the parents/guardians who have the ultimate responsibility for their children's behavior in school, including the behavior of students who have reached the legal age of majority but are, for all practical purposes, under parental authority.

To this end, a written plan for Title I Parent Involvement that establishes programs and practices to enhance parent involvement and reflects the needs of students and families will be jointly developed by parents and school staff. The plan will provide a sense of direction for designing initial and ongoing activities.

The plan will also include a school-parent compact and support the development, implementation and regular evaluation of parent involvement program by parents. Implementation of the plan will be a priority of the school community.

1. The LEA, in consultation with parents, shall develop written policies to ensure that parents are involved in the planning, design and implementation of the program. The LEA must make the policies available to parents of participating children.
2. The LEA shall provide parents, where practical, with reports on their children's progress, conduct parent conferences, and make education personnel accessible to parents.
3. Opportunities for regular meetings to offer parental input will be provided by means of scheduled parent conferences during the year and annual meetings held in the fall and spring of each year.
4. Information regarding the program will be shared with parents by means of our district website, hand-outs, parent workshops, and the annual meetings.
5. Parents will be informed of parental involvement requirements and other relevant provisions by the annual meetings held in the fall and the spring of each year.
6. The LEA shall provide reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request (tutoring support, etc.).

7. The district, where possible, will provide information about programs, and activities in the language and form that parents can understand by means of explanations at meetings and parent mailings when needed.
8. The district will ensure that non-English speaking parents will be provided information on Title I and the progress of their children in a language or format they can understand.
9. Title I parent involvement activities will be coordinated with programs such as Head Start and other outside agencies.

ASSESSMENT OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The LEA shall annually assess through consultation with parents, the effectiveness of the parental involvement program and determines what action needs to be taken, if any, to increase parental participation. Actions will be implemented for school improvement.

The district will assess in the following manner: input of parents will be solicited at parent conferences and the annual meeting.