

## District-Wide Title I Parental Involvement Policy

**NOTE:** In support of strengthening student academic achievement, each local educational agency (LEA or school district) that receives Title I, Part A funds must develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents of participating children a written parental involvement policy that contains information required by Section 1118(a)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) (district-wide parental involvement policy). The policy establishes the LEA's expectations for parental involvement and describes how the LEA will implement a number of specific parental involvement activities, and is incorporated into the LEA's plan submitted to the State Educational Agency (SEA).

The Huron School District agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

1. The school district will put into operation programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A 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 of participating children.
2. Consistent with Section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental 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.
3. The Huron School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district-wide parental involvement plan under Section 1112 of the ESEA:  
  
Parent representatives will be invited on an annual basis to participate in the district's development of the consolidated plan that is submitted to the South Dakota Department of Education.
4. The Huron School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under Section 1116 of the ESEA:  
Each year parents will be invited to participate in meaningful discussions to review and provide input for suggestions they might have related to revisions/improvement to the district's parent involvement policy and their individual building level parent involvement policy as well as school-parent compacts.
5. The Huron School District will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

Each year a district-wide Title I advisory meeting will be held for parents to participate in discussion related to district and building-level goals related for parental involvement activities to enhance academic achievement and school performance.

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6. The Huron School District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs:

Parents with children supported by Title I, Part A funds will be invited to participate in training provided by their child's individual Title I school, Head Start, Even Start, and Birth to Three to integrate strategies between and within each of these programs.

7. The Huron School District will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The district will use the finding of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary, (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies:

Each spring parents will be invited by school district/building-level personnel to participate in an advisory meeting to review the district parental involvement policy as well as their building level parent involvement policy and parent-teacher compacts. Input from the parents and other members of the community will then be used in revising/improving parental involvement throughout the district and individual buildings.

8. The Huron School District will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below.

- a. The Huron School District will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph—
  - the State's academic content standards,
  - the state's student academic achievement standards, the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
  - the requirements of Part A,
  - how to monitor their child's progress, and
  - how to work with educators.

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Small group meetings and conferences will be held throughout the school year as well as home visits. Printed material will also be used as a vehicle to help parents better understand the state's content standards, state and local assessments, and how to monitor their own children's progress (e.g., Parent Portal) and suggestions on how to communicate with school personnel.

- b. The Huron School District will, with the assistance of its schools, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement by: The holding of parental involvement activities at least quarterly in the Title I buildings will provide parents with resources and training in how to improve their own children's achievement in the areas of literacy, math skills, use of technology, etc. The district will provide support to the building personnel in identifying resources (e.g., presenters, trainers, topics) to meet their individual building needs.

- c. The Huron School District will, with the assistance of its schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools by:

All new teachers in the district will be provided with an initial training on how to communicate successfully with parents in a meaningful and helpful manner. Also, all staff members will be provided opportunities on an annual basis to update their skills in the same manner.

- d. The Huron School District will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:

A district-wide Title I parent advisory meeting will be held each year to help facilitate the sharing of opportunities for future trainings and activities provided by the various resources (e.g., Head Start, Even Start, Birth to Three, Community Counseling Services, etc.) within the community, as well as, accessing Parent Connection and the parent resource center that is provided at the state level.

- e. The Huron School District will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

Every effort will be made to provide information about school and community activities, meetings, etc. in understandable (e.g., first language translations) format minus “educationese.” This will include interpreters for the deaf and hard-of-hearing, as well as second language needs.