

Neshaminy School District Parental Involvement Policy

PART I

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

- 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.
- Neshaminy 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.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, Neshaminy School District and its schools will 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 in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- Neshaminy School District will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions 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 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- The school district will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, 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—

(A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;

(B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;

(C) 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.

PART II

DESCRIPTION OF HOW DISTRICT WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED DISTRICTWIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. The Neshaminy 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:
 - *Survey of Parents*
 - *Review of District Level Parent Involvement with parents*
 - *Publish Parent Involvement Policies in Handbook and on district website*

2. The Neshaminy School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:
 - *Parent participation in review of Schoolwide plans*
 - *Parent participation in development of Compacts*
 - *Parent participation in development and review of Neshaminy School District parent policy*

3. The Neshaminy School District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs: Head Start and Pre-K Counts programs

4. The Neshaminy 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 school district will use the findings 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.
 - *Annual parent survey*
 - *Participation in annual district level parent meeting to provide feedback on parent programs*

5. The 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:*
 - Activities:
 - *Back to School Night*
 - *Parent conferences*
 - *School and district websites*

- *Title 1 Newsletters*
- *School based parent workshops*
- *Bucks County IU annual Parent Conference*

6. The 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:
 - School based workshops
 - District based parent workshops
 - Bucks County IU annual parent conference

7. The 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:
 - District and building based professional development
 - Utilization of Pennsylvania Parent Resource Center (SPAC)

8. The 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:
 - School and District websites
 - Title 1 Newsletters

PART III

This Districtwide Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by parent meeting held on June 6, 2016

This policy will be in effect for the period of one year. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before September 30, 2016.