

Parent Involvement

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I. General Policy Statement

The Haywood County School System recognizes that involvement of parents in their children's education has been demonstrated to increase student success and to result in better schools. Federal Register Vol. 54, No. 96, Section 200.34 as amended by The No Child left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) requires the involvement of parents in Title I, Migrant, and ESL programs. Parental involvement is also a required component of the 21st Century Community Learning Center.

II. Parent Involvement Goals

The Haywood County School System shall, in coordination with parents of participating children, develop programs, activities and procedures, which have the following goals:

- A. To inform parents of the reasons for their children's participation and the specific instructional objectives and methods of the program.
- B. To consult with parents, on an ongoing basis, concerning the manner in which the school and parents can better work together to achieve the program's objectives.
- C. To train parents and teachers to build a partnership between home and school.
- D. To provide a comprehensive range of opportunities for parents to become informed about how the program will be designed, operated and evaluated.
- E. To ensure opportunities for the participation of parents who lack literacy skills or whose native language is not English.
- F. To provide parents with information concerning North Carolina's Standard Course of Study, student academic achievement standards, and state and local academic assessments. (NCLB)
- G. To provide parents upon request information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher and the qualifications of the classroom assistant. (NCLB)

III. Mechanisms, Procedures, Activities and Use of Funds

- A. Haywood County Schools shall develop written policies to ensure that parents are involved in the planning, design and implementation of programs and shall provide reasonable support for parental involvement activities as requested. Such policies shall be made available to parents of participating children at the beginning of each school year.
- B. Haywood County Schools shall hold an annual meeting for parents to explain the programs and activities provided in each program. This meeting may be district-wide and/or at the school level.
- C. Haywood County Schools shall provide parents with progress reports and hold a parent-teacher conference to discuss progress, placement and methods of instruction.

D. Parent programs, activities and procedures will include:

1. Parent/Student/Teacher/Agreement
2. Conferences, resource centers and training programs
3. Reporting on children's progress
4. Coordinating parent activities and making contacts in the home
5. Use of parents as classroom volunteers, tutors and assistants
6. Reinforcement of classroom instruction and student motivation through home-based education
7. Information on the programs and their annual evaluations

E. Parents are expected to cooperate with the school system by becoming knowledgeable of program goals and activities and by working to reinforce their children's training at home.

F. Reasonable and necessary expenditures associated with parent training sessions and hiring, training and utilization of parental involvement liaison workers may be supported with each program's funds.

IV. Accessibility Requirement

Haywood County Schools will continually provide information to parents throughout the school year. Publications will be generated and dispersed. A reasonable effort will be made to ensure that written and oral information is presented in a language and form that parents can understand. The district web-site, school web-sites and the rapid notification system will be utilized to enhance communication with parents.

V. Individual School Implementation

Individual Title I schools shall implement this policy in accordance with the administrative guidelines and procedures for parent involvement. Other programs will be implemented at the system level.

VI. Annual Evaluation

An annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the parent involvement policy in increasing parental participation will be conducted.

VII. Grievance Procedures

Parent grievances relative to this policy shall be handled in accordance with Board Policy A-2 Appeals to the Board.