

PARENTAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – DISTRICT

The Lake Hamilton School District understands the importance of involving parents and the community as a whole in promoting higher student achievement and general good will between the district and those it serves. Therefore, the district shall strive to develop and maintain the capacity for meaningful and productive parental and community involvement that will result in partnerships that are mutually beneficial to the school, students, parents, and the community. To achieve such ends, the district shall work to

1. Involve parents and the community in the development of the long range planning of district;
2. Give the schools in the district the support necessary to enable them to plan and implement effective parental involvement activities;
3. Have a coordinated involvement program where the involvement activities of the district enhance the involvement strategies of other programs such as Head Start, Career Action Planning for Students (CAPS), Parent Awareness and Community Education (PACE), Civic and Community partnerships with various organizations and collaboration with various local, county and state agencies *Prevention Resource Center Garland Co. Region 8 Committee, Garland Co. Networking Committee and Partner with NPCC for Orientation*;
4. Explain to parents and the community the State's content and achievement standard, State and local student assessments and how the district's curriculum is aligned with the assessments and how parents can work with the district to improve their child's academic achievement;
5. Provide parents with the materials and training they need to be better able to help their child achieve. The district may use parent resource centers or other community based organizations to foster parental involvement and provide literacy and technology training to parents;
6. Educate district staff, with the assistance of parents, in ways to work and communicate with parents and to know how to implement parent involvement programs that will promote positive partnerships between the school and parents;
7. Keep parents informed about parental involvement programs, meetings, and other activities they could be involved in. Such communication shall be, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand;
8. Find ways to eliminate barriers that work to keep parents from being involved in their child's education. This may include arranging meetings at a variety of times, and being creative with parent/teacher conferences;
9. Find and modify other successful parent and community involvement programs to suit the needs of our district;
10. Train parents to enhance and promote the involvement of other parents;

Provide reasonable support for other parental involvement activities as parents may reasonably request.

To ensure the continued improvement of the district's parental/community involvement program, the district will conduct an annual review of its parental involvement policies to examine their affect on promoting higher student achievement. The review shall be done by a committee consisting of parents and other community members, certified and classified staff, and member(s) of the administration.

This policy shall be part of the school's Title I plan and shall be distributed to parents of the district's students and provided, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. & 6318 (a) (2), (A),(B),(D),(E),(NCBL act of 2001, Section 1118)

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Act of 2001, Section 1118)

Date Adopted:

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This policy was adopted by the Lake Hamilton School District on December 18, 2006.
The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before March 22, 2007.



Board President

(Signature of Authorized Official)

December 18, 2006

(Date)