

# Exeter Township School District

## Title I Parent Involvement Policy



Exeter Township School District is committed to fostering and promoting family participation in our Title I programs. In accomplishing this goal, our schools will encourage parent participation in the development of our district wide parent involvement plan, and in continuing to improve our family involvement activities in accordance with Section 1112 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

### Goals

1. Develop a Title I Parent Advisory Council
2. Schedule parent/family meetings and activities
3. Survey both parents/students annually
4. Conferences and parental contacts

**Goal 1:** ETSD will invite parents to join the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) twice a year to ensure parent involvement in the decision making for our Title 1 programs.

1. Letters of invitation to join PAC
2. Conduct several PAC meetings annually
3. Disseminate Title I parent information, share Title I Parent Involvement Policy and review contents annually for parent input.
4. Reserve monies for Title I family involvement activities
5. Establish Title I Parent Involvement contact as: District Reading Supervisor.
6. Ensure that parents of children with disabilities or limited English proficiency have the same access as other parents including information in a language and form that they can understand.

**Goal 2:** ETSD will foster effective family involvement strategies and support partnerships among schools, parents, and the community to improve each child's achievement.

1. Disseminate district parent involvement policy.
2. Coordinate and plan family involvement activities which support student achievement.
3. Reserve Title I monies for conducting these family involvement activities.
4. Provide parent materials and training to support involvement in their child's academic achievement.
5. Enhance the awareness and continue to develop the skills of teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and staff in communicating and working with parents as equal partners in their child's education.
6. Monitor each Title I school to ensure that the following documents are in place:
  - Parent Involvement Policy
  - Parents are offered flexible meeting times to conference with Title I staff and the regular classroom teacher to monitor their child's progress.
  - Use of School/Parent Compacts
  - Provides real time access to their child's attendance and academic standing, provide technical assistance as need: *Skyward*, dissemination of state testing information, quarterly reports cards, bi-annual conferences, additional conferences as deemed necessary by teacher or family.
7. Encourage parent participation in the schools through volunteering/visitation.
8. Encourage family participation by offering scheduled activities at a variety of times in order to maximize involvement.
9. Provide resources for building parent understanding of child development, and academic strategies which are designed to support parents as partners in their child's education.
10. To ensure continued relationship building with our area daycare providers, both the Reading Supervisor and kindergarten teacher(s) will attend Berks County Intermediate Unit's annual Transitional Fair.
11. Continue to develop our educational outreach to parents of our incoming kindergarten students who appear, through our screening process, to need support in developing school readiness skills.

**Goal 3:** ETSD will conduct evaluations on all aspects of our Title I Program to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all families in supporting their child's academic success.

1. Survey both parents and students to assess areas of strength and identify barriers to parental involvement. Use this assessment in making recommendations to individual schools, specialists, teachers, etc.
2. Continue to collect parent participation data through the use of parent

sign-ins for workshops, meetings and or conferences.

**Goal 4:** In order to build a strong partnership with each child's family, ETSD staff will ensure open lines of communication in sharing student progress through the use of the following:

1. Allot time for parent-teacher conferences.
2. Parent Forum Meetings to keep parents appraised of district initiatives.
3. Training workshops for parents of Title I students.
4. Share information/access with parents for *Skyward* online grading system so that families can track their child's grades and progress.
5. Share our district website where parents can access the following information:
  - their child's school
  - tips for helping meet the state standards
  - Websites for reinforcement activities
6. ETSD will provide parents through district mailings our district newsletter.