



## Polk County Schools - District Title I Parental Involvement Plan 2009-2010

### ➡ What is Title 1?

*Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools.*

### ➡ What is Parent Involvement?

*Parent involvement means the **participation of parents** in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.*

*Parents,*

*Title I law requires that this information be given to all parents of students in Title I schools. Please take a moment and look it over or use it as a reference for questions you may have about the Title I program at the district. We would appreciate your comments on the last page. Be sure to familiarize yourself, also, with the **Parent Involvement Plan from your school**, which will give you many opportunities to work with the school in helping to ensure academic success for your child. Thank you.*

### Polk County Schools Title I Program will:

#### 1. Involve parents in the development of its district wide Parent Involvement Plan.

What will be done?	Who will be doing it?	When will it be done?	How will it be done?
Continue Parent Involvement Teams	Parent Involvement Specialist	ongoing	All interested parents are invited to participate.
Parent Involvement Team Meetings (PIT)	Parent Involvement Specialist; Parent Involvement Facilitators	ongoing	Ideas and input from parents discussed at <b>area PIT</b> meetings.
Parent Advisory Team will continue. (PAT)	Parent Inv. Specialist	ongoing	PAT will give final approval of District Plan.
Request for parent help with plan.	Parent Inv. Specialist	ongoing	Request form on last page of this plan.

#### 2. Involve parents in the process of writing the School Improvement Plan (SIP).

What will be done?	Who will be doing it?	When will it be done?	How will it be done?
School Improvement Plan Meetings	District Title I Staff; School Leadership Teams; Parent Representatives	August 10, 2009 August 11, 2009 August 12, 2009 August 13, 2009	District and School Teams will meet for an entire day for Technical Assistance and Plan preparation.

**3. Support Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student achievement.**

What will be done?	Who will be doing it?	When will it be done?	How will it be done?
Support & training for programs, which include FBBR, All Pro Dads, Mysteries in the Middle and Readers of the Caribbean	Parent Involvement Specialist  <i>Readers of the Caribbean – Dr. Angela Walker</i>	Ongoing  October, 2009	Training DVDs revisited at Facilitator meetings; share sessions held at schools Facilitators will be trained and a presentation will be made to parents.
Compile Best Practices of Effective PI Activities to Improve Student Achievement	Parent Involvement Facilitators; Parent Involvement Specialist	Distribution to schools by end of first semester	Each school will submit “effective” activities. These will be placed online for easy access.

**4. Build ties with Early Childhood programs and participate, as funds are available.**

What will be done?	Who will be doing it?	When will it be done?	How will it be done?
Include Director of Early Childhood Programs in planning meetings.	Parent Involvement Specialist	Fall, 2009	Director will be a member of Parent Advisory Team (PAT)

**5. Evaluate, with the involvement of parents, the content and effectiveness of this Parent Involvement Plan in improving the quality of schools.**

What will be done?	Who will be doing it?	When will it be done?	How will it be done?
Individual evaluations	Parent Inv. Facilitators; Parent Inv. Specialist	Upon distribution of plan 10-2-2009. Comments will be analyzed by end of first semester.	Request parents complete evaluation on last page of plan; evaluations will be compiled and comments analyzed.

**6. A. - B. Provide information to parents and materials and training to school personnel to help parents work with their children.**

- Subject area expectations (*Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies*)  
*Sunshine State Standards*
- Achievement standards
- Required state and local academic testing
- The requirements of Title I
- Suggestions to check child’s progress

- Suggestions to work with your child's school

*\*\*Various content area workshops, regional conferences, materials, and equipment such as Smartboards, laptops, Eiki projectors, Desktop cameras and other current technology will be considered for all parental involvement activities, as funds are available.*

What will be done?	Who will be doing it?	When will it be done?	How will it be done?
Partners in Print Beginning Reading	Scholl Educational Consultants	September, 2009	Training presentation at Parent Inv. Facilitator meeting
Partners in Print Reading Beyond Elem.	Scholl Educational Consultants	October, 2009	Training presentation at Parent Inv. Facilitator meeting
Training in MAPPS (Math and Parent Partners)	Consultant, PIRC at USF	Fall, 2009	Training presentation at Parent Inv. Facilitator meeting
FL Parents' Desk Reference of SSS	Parent Inv. Specialist	Fall, 2009	Presentation of publication at PI Facilitator meeting
Academic Testing	Title I Evaluator	Ongoing	Presentations, handouts, teacher meetings
Progress Monitoring	Title I Evaluator	Ongoing	Presentations, handouts, teacher meetings
Explanation of Title I, Plans, Compacts	Parent Involvement Specialist	August/September, 2009	Brochures, Power points for school presentation to parents

**C. Educate school personnel to see the value of parent contributions, reach out to communicate with parents, and build relationships between parents and the school.**

What will be done?	Who will be doing it?	When will it be done?	How will it be done?
Effective Conference Strategies	Parent Involvement Specialist	Fall, 2009	Training presentation at Parent Inv. Facilitator meeting
Opening Lines of Communication w/Parents	Parent Involvement Specialist	Fall, 2009	Training presentation at Parent Inv. Facilitator meeting
Conversational Spanish classes for School Facilitators	Spanish Instructor	Sept./Oct., 2009	Facilitators will attend 7 2- hour classes.
Parent Engagement Program	Title I Coordinator will share info with schools	Ongoing	12 schools will participate in the program (5 added for 09-10)
Communicate with parents	Parent Involvement Specialist	Ongoing	Continue distributing newsletters to schools – Building Readers, Firm, Fair & Consistent, and Math/Science

15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Family Involvement Conf.	Parent Inv. Specialist & representatives from the schools.	November 10, 2009 Orlando, FL	Evaluation & presentations done for all schools
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**D. Encourage schools to work with public preschool and other programs and plan activities to support parents in helping their child to be prepared for Kindergarten.**

<i>What will be done?</i>	<i>Who will be doing it?</i>	<i>When will it be done?</i>	<i>How will it be done?</i>
Information to schools on transitioning to Kindergarten	Parent Involvement Specialist	February, 2010	Specific titles of brochures will be bought for each facilitator to use as they plan transition to Kdg. inc. "Launch & Learn"
Representatives of several public preschools will be invited to planning meetings.	Parent Involvement Specialist	Fall, 2009	Several reps will be asked to serve on the Parent Advisory Team (PAT)
Program between Early Childhood Dept. and Snively Elem. School Pre-K	Early Childhood Dir. Title I representative	School year 2009-2010	Highly qualified teacher will be focusing on kindergarten readiness and preparation

**E. Ensure that information sent home by the schools about meetings and activities is easy to understand.**

<i>What will be done?</i>	<i>Who will be doing it?</i>	<i>When will it be done?</i>	<i>How will it be done?</i>
Make school plan template easier to understand	Committee members from Parent Inv. Facilitators; Parent Involvement Specialist	Spring, 2010	Adjustments will be made to school plan template to assure that it is reader-friendly
Random checks of materials sent home.	District Title I Coordinators & Parent Involvement Specialist	Ongoing 09-10	Coordinators will make this part of their standard monitoring.

**Adoption**

This **District Title I Parental Involvement Plan** has been developed/revised jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children in Title I programs.

This plan was adopted by the **Polk County Schools Title I Program** on **July 15, 2009**, and will be in effect for the period of the 2009-2010 school year. This plan will be distributed from each school site to all parents of children in Title I schools on or before **October 2, 2009**.

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**June 5, 2009**

**Additional Information for parents:**

Polk County Schools website – [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net)

FCAT sites – [www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org)>FCAT

Title I Parent Involvement website – [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net); Departments>Title I>Parent Involvement

(Definition of Title I, Current Title I schools, Family Involvement, Choice and SES (Tutoring))

**Two Parent Information Resource Centers (PIRC)** are available to parents:

**The Florida Partnership for Family Involvement in Education at USF**

[www.partnershipcenter.usf.edu](http://www.partnershipcenter.usf.edu)

3500 E. Fletcher Avenue, Suite 301

Tampa, FL 33613

Telephone (813) 558-5096

**The Florida Parent Information Resource Center at Family Network on Disabilities**

[www.fndlf.org](http://www.fndlf.org)

2735 Whitney Road

Clearwater, FL 33760

Telephone (800) 825-5736



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**WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS PORTION TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER OR THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT FACILITATOR AT YOUR SCHOOL.**

**THANK YOU**

**Please give us your thoughts: (Circle those that apply)**

- This plan was easy to understand.
- Information in this plan was helpful and explained the overall plan for Parent Involvement in the district Title I schools.
- This plan, along with the plan from my school, gave me information about resources to help my child at home.
- Additional: \_\_\_\_\_



**We need your help!**

*We want to make this parental involvement plan as informative as possible.*

*Would you like to be involved in the development of this*

***District Title I Parental Involvement Plan? Y or N***

*If so, complete information below:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you. Title I Dept., Polk County Schools**