

TITLE I PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLAN

DECATURVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2011-12

I. SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- A. This school parental involvement plan has been developed with, agreed upon, and distributed to parents of participating children at the annual parental involvement meeting to be held in September. This plan will be reviewed annually and shall be updated as appropriate to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- B. Comments by parents of participating children concerning dissatisfaction with the LEA plan shall be attached to the LEA plan when submitted to the State.

II. INVOLVEMENT OBJECTIVES

- A. An annual meeting to which all parents of participating students shall be invited and encouraged to attend will be held in the fall. At this meeting this plan, the school-parent compact, legal requirements, and the parent's rights under NCLB will be explained. Parents will review the Parent Involvement Plan and the School-Parent Compact with suggestions for additional items to be included or omitted as deemed necessary for the current school year. Parent survey results will also be discussed with recommendations on when and how areas of concern will be addressed.
- B. The annual parent meeting will be offered at Decaturville Elementary School at **6:00** p.m. during the month of September on a night that will be established by the school principal.
- C. An advisory committee consisting of parent representatives, the principal, family resource director, and Title I Director will be formed to work on the Title I program goals.
- D. At the parent meeting, parents will be informed about the Schoolwide Program and how it works **within a school as compared to a Targeted Assisted Program**. The Title I program at DES is a schoolwide program which means that students in the entire school benefit from the different programs which are offered.
- E. Parents will be advised of student progress through report cards, P.A.I.D. folders, PTO meetings, and at Parent-Teacher Conferences held on **October 17th** and **March 12th** of the 2011-12 school year. State academic standards used by DES may be accessed and reviewed at www.state.tn.us/education. Curriculum standards will also be discussed with parents at the parent-teacher conferences. DES has an open door policy. After checking in with the office, parents are welcome to observe in the classroom.

- F. At the beginning of the school year, teachers will send home copies of grading policies and conference schedules. Each student will receive a student handbook including school-related information and documents required under NCLB. At the beginning of each 6 weeks, parents will receive a Standards Outline from each teacher indicating the material that will be covered in their respective classes. The outlines will also include the State Performance Indicator (SPI) number for the items being taught.
- G. Notes or phone calls that are received from parents are returned that day or as soon as the parent can be reached by phone, letter, or conference. Parental requests for meetings with teachers will be scheduled during teacher planning times or after school.
- H. Parent meetings, including **Parent Help Night**/Family Reading Night, will be announced through fliers sent home with each child **and on the systemwide website at www.decaturschools.org** to encourage attendance of parents.

III. BUILDING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- A. Videos, booklets, and other materials are available for parent use through the Family Resource Program. For more information, contact Amy Clenney at the Decatur County Board of Education.
- B. Title I shall coordinate parent involvement with Head Start and the Family Resource Center, when possible, by providing parenting classes, the video check-out program, and individual workshops.
- C. Teachers and school support staff, with the assistance of parents, will receive training throughout the school year on how to build relationships with parents for the purpose of developing a strong parent involvement program.

IV. ACCESSIBILITY

- A. If parents cannot read or write, oral presentations of the material will be provided. All information will be written in a language parents can understand.
- B. Provisions will be made for disabled parents as the need arises.
- C. The Title I Supervisor can also make home visits when necessary.