

TITLE I PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Decatur County School System

2011-12

It is the goal of the Decatur County School System to develop strong partnerships between parents and schools. This partnership will serve to increase student achievement and foster positive attitudes about self and the school on the part of the student.

The key factor in the home-school partnership is the relationship between the teacher and the parent. Teachers are professionals who manage a variety of learning resources. Parents are an essential resource in the learning process of their children. Support from principals and administrators enable teachers to effectively develop the partnership.

This plan has been reviewed and agreed upon by parent representatives, teachers, and principals from Title I Schools, and the Title I Program Director. Names of individuals involved with the development of this plan are on file in the Title I Director's office. A copy of this plan is available at each Title I school and in the Title I Director's office for review.

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- A. Parents will be surveyed to determine the areas to be addressed to increase parental involvement in their child's education. Survey questions will consist of items recommended by the Title I Advisory Committee.
- B. Information regarding the progress of schools toward meeting the requirements of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) will be sent to parents throughout the school year. Such information will include the qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals within the school.
- C. The Title I Director will meet continually throughout the school year with all school contact personnel to provide technical assistance on parental involvement through training sessions, meetings, and workshops.
- D. Parental involvement will be strengthened through the distribution of Pre-Kindergarten School-Ready Kits, P.A.I.D. (Parents Are Informed Daily) Forms with assignments/grades, student planners, standards outlines, parent/teacher conferences, PTO meetings, and parental involvement workshops held in coordination with programs such as the Family Resource Program, Headstart, and community daycare programs. Family Reading Nights **will be held in conjunction with Parent/Standards Night** at Decaturville and Parsons Elementary Schools. Booster clubs, P.A.C.E. (Parent Action Committee on Education), and Career-Technical Advisory Committees are a vital part of parental involvement at Riverside High School.

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- E. System-wide support teams consisting of parent representatives from each school, Principals, and the Title I Director will meet at least two times during the school year to evaluate the progress of the Title I Program and parental involvement.
- F. Annual surveys will be conducted to assess the effectiveness of parental participation in the Title I Schools and to determine areas of weakness that may be hindering the progress of the program. Surveys will be distributed during the spring with results being used to guide programs/services for the upcoming school year.
- G. Participation of all parents, including parents of preschool children, regardless of race or national origin is encouraged. Language barriers are being addressed with an effort to have all parental involvement materials available in both English and Spanish which are the dominant languages spoken in Decatur County.
- H. Parents may learn about the course of study for their children and have access to all learning materials by contacting individual schools and/or visiting the state education website at www.state.tn.us/education to view state content standards required for all students.
- I. Under the direction of the Title I Director, all comments and suggestions resulting from surveys and meeting input will be used to design strategies for improving parental involvement activities.
- J. If applicable, not less than 1% of the LEA's Title I allocation will be reserved for activities related to parental involvement. Title I parental involvement activities will be jointly sponsored by the Title I Director and the Family Resource Director. Incentives and materials will be purchased as deemed appropriate to carry out activities.

This plan has been reviewed at the annual parental involvement meetings by parent representatives, Title I school-wide teachers, and principals from Title I schools, the Family Resource Director, and the Title I Director. It is considered appropriate for the 2011-12 school year.