

# **MILLSAP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Parental Involvement Policy**

### **Part I:**

The Board recognizes that parent involvement is vital to achieve maximum educational growth for students and is committed to fostering and promoting parental involvement as required by Title I, Part A, Section 1118. To accomplish this goal, Millsap School District will involve parents in the development of policy and processes of school review and improvement through the following types of activities:

- Parental involvement group meetings held annually on each school-wide Title I campus.
- Conducting parent surveys at the district and campus levels.
- Consultation
- Frequently scheduled parent meetings
- Conferences
- District Educational Improvement Team meetings

### **Part II: Parental Involvement Policy**

A parental involvement policy shall be developed jointly and agreed upon with parents of participating students. The district shall ensure:

1. Involvement of parent in the joint development of the district's overall planning process.
2. Coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist campuses in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement.
3. Development of activities that promote the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parent involvement
4. Coordination and integration of parental involvement strategies with appropriate programs as provided by law.
5. Involvement of parents in the annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the policy in improving the academic quality of schools served by Title I.
6. Barriers to participation by parents who are economically disadvantages, disabled, or have limited English proficiency or are of any racial or ethnic minority are identified.
7. Findings of annual evaluations are used to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise if necessary, the requirements of this policy.
8. Parents are involved in the activities of school served under Title I.

### **Part III: Title I Plan**

As part of the district's overall Title I plan, MISD will promote activities that support a partnership among the school, parents and the community and that promote the improvement of student achievement. District Campuses shall:

1. Provide assistance to parents of students served by the school in understanding such topics as the state's assessment, curriculum, local assessments and how to monitor student progress and work with teachers to improve student achievement.
2. Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve academic performance.
3. Coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other programs as deemed appropriate.
4. Ensure to the extent possible that information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to the homes of participating students in a format and in a language the parent can understand.

5. Arrange school meetings at a variety of times or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators in order to maximize parental involvement participation.
6. Provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request consistent with Title I requirements.

#### **Part IV: School – Parent-Student Compact**

A school-parent compact shall be developed for each of the district's Title I schools. The compact shall:

1. Describe the school's responsibility to provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables students to meet the state's student academic achievement standards
2. Describe the ways in which each parent will be responsible for supporting their student's learning.
3. Stress the importance of ongoing communication between teachers and parents through annual parent-teacher conferences.

The district's policy, plan and compact shall be adopted by the Board, reviewed annually and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. A copy shall be made available to parents of participating students in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable in a language the parents can understand.

Legal References: Millsap ISD Policy EHBD(LEGAL)1/27/2010  
20 U.S.C. Sec. 6311-6322(2006), No Child Left Behind Act of 2001,

#### **Part V: Adoption**

Millsap Independent School District's district wide parental involvement policy has been developed jointly with and agreed upon with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs as evidenced by parent participation in the planning process.

This policy was adopted by the Millsap Board of Trustees on August, 2007, and will be in effect for the following school years, and shall be reviewed annually in the spring, with updates periodically. The district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I Part A children on or before October of each school year.

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