



TITLE 1 PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

The intent of Paola USD#368 Title 1 programs will involve parents in as many activities as possible to bridge the gap between home and school to help foster attitudes that will help their children develop a positive desire for learning. Student progress will be assisted by positively involving parents in their children's learning process.

Parents will be kept involved/informed through School Site Council meetings, PTO meetings, parent-teacher conferences, classroom visits, district and building newsletters, parent surveys, Back to School Night, and other special school programs. The parent-school compact will be an addition to these opportunities.

Specific methods for achieving this involvement include:

*An annual presentation to explain the Title 1 program and activities will be held each year. A Parent Packet will be given to each family which will include the purposes and goals of Title 1, rights and responsibilities of parents, parent involvement policy, and suggestions for home and school working together.

*Throughout the school year, the Title 1 teacher will make every effort to communicate with each Title 1 student's parents in order to become acquainted with the parent, listen to parental concerns, and go over the Title 1 School/Parent Contact. Test results and other data that led to the child's identification will be discussed as well as the student's program and the assessments that will be used. (Students are selected for participation using the Title 1 guidelines established by the district.)

*Parents will be provided with materials periodically throughout the year that will give them ideas for doing things with their child at home. This may include a newsletter, brochures, articles, "how-to" sheets, or recommended book lists.

*The Title I teacher works collaboratively with the classroom teacher in supporting the instructional objectives established for each child.

*School administrators and the Title 1 teachers in USD 368 will be jointly responsible for providing adequate parent involvement opportunities.