

ARDMORE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parent Involvement Policy - Title 1

2012-2013

The Ardmore Avenue Elementary School's Title I Parent Involvement Policy embraces and reflects the vision and beliefs of the William Penn School District.

Our vision is to engage all staff, parents, and members of the larger community as "Champions for Children" to assure a safe and positive atmosphere for learning in which all students can achieve high academic standards and acquire skills of productive citizenship which values and respects self and others.

- We believe that every individual has worth.
- We believe that every individual can learn.
- We believe that students, parents, school, and community working in partnership promote lifelong learning.
- We believe that every individual in the learning community is entitled to a safe and healthy environment.
- We believe that every individual is entitled to access to opportunities which develop one's potential.
- We believe that our community's diversity is its strength.
- We believe that knowledge is the result of active and purposeful learning.

Ardmore Avenue Elementary School invites all parents to become involved in their child's education by taking part in the Ardmore Avenue Home and School Association and as a parent in our classrooms. To promote meaningful parent communication and participation, the Ardmore Avenue Elementary School staff will communicate with our parents in several ways: by telephone, by email, in person, and using our "Communicator Student Folder," which is sent home every Wednesday afternoon with important information. We will host several community events throughout the school year to increase parental involvement and to build solid relationships with the school staff and our families. In addition, we will provide professional development opportunities to educate school staff in enhancing customer service relations and in understanding the value of parents as contributing partners. In order to ensure that our parents attend Title I sponsored events at the Ardmore Avenue Elementary School we will provide child-care free of charge.

In this regard, Ardmore Avenue Elementary School will host our parents during the following events: a Kindergarten Parent's breakfast with the Principal, a Back-to-School Night; a Curriculum Night Open house, two report card conferences, a Career Day, a Black History Celebration, Muffins with mom, Donuts with dad, a Cat in the Hat's birthday celebration, an annual parent meeting to update the current Parent Involvement Policy, and other events as scheduled. Parents of Title I students will be asked to complete a survey at the end of each school year as a way to give input concerning parent involvement activities and the implementation of the Title I Program for the next year.

At the update meeting, our parents will be given an opportunity to collaborate with the school's team and to revise details in the current plan. Parents will have the opportunity to learn about the school's standards-based curriculum, local and state assessments, and proficiency expectations at our Back-to-School Night and at report card conferences. At our Curriculum Night, PSSA information will be shared and our parents will attend workshops to learn strategies and techniques to help support their child's educational performance in regards to assessments and academic standards.

Ardmore Avenue Elementary School receives a financial allocation from the school district each year to promote parental involvement and to provide funds for parent workshops. The Principal is available for consultation and welcomes parental input in determining how to best use these funds to support their involvement in the academic success of their children.

The components of our Title 1 plan provide our parents with the opportunities to:

- ✓ Build relationships with school staff educating their children
- ✓ Obtain information regarding highly qualified staff
- ✓ Engage in decision making in regards to funding allocations
- ✓ Participate in developing and updating our Parental Involvement Policy
- ✓ Obtain a copy of our Title 1 Parental Involvement Policy
- ✓ Secure technical assistance and support in planning and implementing an effective parental involvement policy
- ✓ Obtain resources, materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their academic and overall school performance; i.e. literacy, mathematics and technology
- ✓ Obtain school information regarding planned parent programs, meetings and activities in a timely manner and in a readable format
- ✓ Participate in our annual meeting for Title 1 parents and those held a different times during the school year
- ✓ Obtain a description of the curriculum and assessments used the school in addition to grade achievement proficiency targets set
- ✓ Attend Home and School meetings to formulate suggestions, participate in decision making related to the education of their children
- ✓ Obtain and sign the Ardmore Avenue School, Parent, Student and School Compact