

SECTION: Pupils

TITLE: District Wide Parental Involvement Policy

CONNEAUT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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<u>District Wide Parental Involvement Policy</u>	
<p>Purpose 20 U.S.C. §6301 <u>et seq.</u></p>	<p>The federal No Child Left Behind Act requires all school districts to adopt and implement a district-wide Parental Involvement Policy for students being served in Title I programs funded under the Act. The board intends to comply with the federal law and adopts this policy for that purpose.</p>
<p>II. Authority 20 U.S.C. §6318</p>	<p>As a recipient of Title I funds, the District shall develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents of participating children a written parent involvement policy. The policy is to be incorporated into the District's plan under the No Child Left Behind Act.</p>
<p>III. Responsibility</p>	<p>The Conneaut School District agrees to implement the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies include a school-parent compact. • The school district will incorporate the district wide parental involvement policy into its local school plans. • The school district and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. • If the School or District plan for Title I is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan to the State Department of Education. <p>The school district will involve the parents of children served in Title I schools in decisions about how the 1% of Title I funds reserved for parental involvement is spent.</p>
<p>IV. Guidelines 20 U.S.C. §6318(c-h)</p>	<p>The Conneaut School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the development of its district wide parental involvement plan:</p> <p>* Initial meeting September, 2005 + Yearly review meetings</p>

2. The Conneaut School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement.

- *Distribute and analyze results of Title I parent survey.
- *Distribute student progress reports
- *Distribute, discuss and sign parent compacts
- *Open invitation to school board meetings
- *Distribute monthly newsletters and calendars
- *Host various parent nights at each building
- *Host teacher/parent conferences
- *Support Title I Parent Advisory Committees
- *Provide information about the PA Grow Network
- *Provide information about the PA & Common Core Standards

3. The Conneaut School District will provide the following support to assist schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.

- *Sharing the information through local media
- *Coordinating/hosting parent workshops and open houses
- * Providing teacher/parent conferences
- * Maintaining District and School based Wed-Pages
- * Providing an automated calling service

4. The Conneaut School District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with other local agencies such as Head Start.

5. The Conneaut School District will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy.

- *Yearly Title I parent survey
- *Yearly parent policy review meetings
- *On-going Title I parent meetings
- *Title I parent conferences

6. The Conneaut School District will provide assistance to parents in understanding topics such as the following:

- *The PA & Common Core Standards
- *The PA Keystone Exams
- *The PSSA state assessments (including alternate assessments).
- *Local Assessments
- *How to monitor their child's progress
- *How to work with educators

7. The Conneaut School District will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement.

- *Title I parent workshops
- *Monthly newsletters
- *Take-home book bag projects
- *School book fairs

8 The Conneaut School District will educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners.

- *Attendance at conferences/workshops
- *Act 48 committee meetings
- *Regular staff meetings
- *Title I meetings
- *Parent/Teacher Group meetings

The Conneaut School District will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and to the extent practical, in a language the parents can understand.

- *Monthly newsletter/calendars
- *Progress reports/report cards
- * Use of local media
- * District Web Site
- * Use of automated calling system
- *Meeting invitations
- *PA Grow Network