

**Slate Run Elementary School
Title I Parent Policy**

The following is the policy by which staff, parents, and students will work together to strengthen the education of the students at Slate Run Elementary School.

- 1) The Slate Run Title I committee will be comprised of teachers, parents, principal, an instructional assistant, and the Title I Coordinator. The purpose of the committee is to plan, implement, and evaluate for improvement the Title I program for Slate Run Elementary.
- 2) We will inform parents of the Title I program, their parental rights, and responsibilities, and opportunities for parents to work with staff to promote a cooperative learning environment. This information will be presented at the Annual Title I parent meeting held each fall. Additional information may be available at monthly PTO meetings, and in the weekly newsletter.
- 3) Parents will be provided timely information concerning school activities, student performances, assessment, and curriculum through various forms of communication.
- 4) Student/Family/Staff Compacts will be distributed at Parent Conferences and used as a tool to help parents and students share responsibility for improved student achievement.
- 5) Activities and some related educational materials will be provided for parents and staff to support student learning.
- 6) Provisions will be made when possible to meet the varied language needs of all parents.
- 7) Invitations will be extended to community organization leaders, churches, and local business leaders to participate in the development of community programs.
- 8) Parents will be given the opportunity to volunteer and participate in classroom and school activities. All volunteers must pass a criminal background check and provide a valid state issued ID when working at school.
- 9) Timely responses will be given to parental questions, concerns, and recommendations.
- 10) Parents will be assisted in providing help to their children in achieving the objectives of the program by such means as ensuring regular attendance, providing adequate time and the proper environment for homework, limiting television watching and the playing of video games, and communicating academic expectations.
- 11) An annual evaluation of the parental involvement plan will be conducted with parents identifying any barriers to greater parental involvement and devising strategies to improve parental involvement.
- 12) Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in the fall to discuss student progress and achievement. Individual conferences will be held on an as needed basis or when requested by a parent.
- 13) The Slate Run teachers and staff will collaborate with other early learning programs, including Head Start.

Title I Parent Involvement Plan

- 1) Slate Run Elementary School Title I Committee will consist of teachers, school principal, parents, an instructional assistant, and the Title I Coordinator. This committee will plan, review, and suggest changes needed in the Title I program. We will meet annually. Suggestions will be reviewed by the entire staff.

- 2) Our Annual Meeting will be held during the fall semester. At this general meeting we will inform parents of the Title I program, their parental rights and responsibilities, and opportunities for parents to work with staff to promote a cooperative learning environment. At the Annual Meeting, teachers or the Title I Coordinator will explain the following:
 - *Curriculum
 - *Assessment
 - *Expected proficiency levels
 - *Behavior Policy/Conscious Discipline
 - *Homework expectations
 - *Further details of the compacts and policy

A daytime meeting will be held to give parents who were unable to attend the evening meeting the opportunity to receive information.

- 3) Communication is imperative in raising academic achievement. Communication will be addressed through the following:
 - *A parent handbook for grades K-4 will be distributed at Open House. This will include general information about the school, policies, and procedures. In addition, the Title I Parent Involvement Policy and Parent Compact will be distributed at Parent Conferences and will be available from the Title I Coordinator. For students who enroll after parent conference, the Title I Parent Involvement Policy and Parent Compact will be given and signed for upon enrollment. The policy will also be available on the school's website.

 - *Weekly newsletters will be sent home for all students at the end of each week. Parenting tips will be included whenever possible. Many of these tips involve suggestions in helping students be successful at school. They will offer ways parents can help at home.

 - *Report cards will be sent home on a nine week schedule.

 - *Communication will also occur through flyers, general classroom notes, personal notes, phone calls, home visits, district/school website, or email.

 - *Formal Parent/Teacher conferences will be held during the first semester.

 - *PTO meetings and school newsletters will be the means by which important and needed information is conveyed. The PTO will meet monthly.

- 4) Compacts have been designed to help create a partnership between home and school to promote high levels of student achievement. This will be discussed at conferences. Parents, students, and teachers will be asked to sign and follow through with the partnership. A signed copy of the compacts will be sent home with each student and a copy will be kept at school as well.

5) Materials, activities, and training for parents and teachers will be provided through:

FOR PARENTS

- *Weekly newsletter
- *Distribution of information regarding academic standards
- *Distribution of informational booklets regarding child development
- *Family Programs throughout the year
- *Parent/Teacher Resource Library
- *Literature Rack in Foyer
- *Social Media
- *Kindergarten Parent "First Teacher" Days

FOR TEACHERS

- *Periodic distribution of leaflets regarding parent/teacher collaboration
- *Staff development on best practices in instruction
- *Grade level and cross-grade level collaboration
- *Ongoing support and professional development from Literacy Coach

6) **The community will be included through:**

- *RIF Running Start Program-first grade
- *Community Supports for Fund Raisers
- *Community Volunteers for Guest Readers/Speakers
- *Blessings in a Backpack
- *We Love Our Kids Community Event
- *Junior Achievement
- *Floyd County Soil & Water Conservation
- *Pack the Bus
- *Hosparus Grief Counseling
- *Mentor Mii
- *New Albany Track Club
- *New Directions
- *YMCA
- *Afternoons Rock
- *Our Place Program
- *Monthly Book Talks from the NAFC Library

Opportunities for parents to participate:

- *PTO
- *Volunteer for special projects
- *Classroom support
- *Fund raisers
- *Title I Committee
- *Parent Council
- *Book It reading program

- *Read with child at home
- *Kindergarten Parent Program
- *Family Nights
- *Blessings in a Backpack