

# Bogalusa City Schools

## District Parental Involvement Policy

2010-2011 School Year

### **PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS**

The Bogalusa City School District agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school district will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- Consistent with section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- The school district will incorporate this district wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, 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, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the State Department of Education.
- The school district will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A

funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.

- The school district will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

*Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—*

*(A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*

*(B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*

*(C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;*

*(D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.*

- The school district will inform parents and parental organizations of the purpose and existence of the Parental Information and Resource Center in the State.
  - The following resource is available for all parents/guardians of students in Louisiana.

Louisiana PROMISE / PIRC South Louisiana Center  
4521 Jamestown Avenue  
Suite 5  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
(225) 926-1815  
<http://www.lpirc.org/>

**PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW DISTRICT WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED DISTRICT WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS**

1. The Bogalusa City School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district wide parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA:

Provide at least one annual parent meeting to allow parents an opportunity to provide input in developing and/or amending its district wide plan

2. The Bogalusa City School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:

Hold at least one annual parent involvement meeting for the purpose of reviewing and improving respective Title 1 school wide program(s).

3. The Bogalusa City School District will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

- BCS will continue to support Title I Part A schools by working with schools to study best practices for effective parental involvement activities
- Develop action plans that best meet school//district needs and also address the Six Types of Parental Involvement (Parenting, Communicating, Volunteering, Learning at Home, Decision Making, and Collaborating With the Community) and recommend plans to schools.

4. The Bogalusa City School District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs: Title I Pre-K, Ensuring Literacy and Numeracy, Supplemental Educational Services, and ESL programs and, if appropriate, involve parents in select district after school in-service training sessions.

5. The Bogalusa City 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 in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.

- Distribute and collect the evaluation tool from each school during the Spring before the end of the semester.
- The Parental Involvement Facilitators will analyze evaluation results and compile a report to be distributed to the administration and school improvement teams.
- The school improvement teams and administrative leadership will consult and recommend actions to implement more effective parental involvement.

6. The Bogalusa City School District will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

A. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following,

- the State's academic content standards,
- the State's student academic achievement standards,
- the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- the requirements of Part A,
- how to monitor their child's progress, and
- how to work with educators

List of Activities

- Individual school parent nights
- Regional and state conferences
- Bilingual district personnel

B. The school district will, with the assistance of its schools, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by:

List of Activities

- Parenting workshops
- Parenting DVD and materials
- Guest speakers

C. The school district will, with the assistance of its schools and parents, 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, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

List of Activities

- Guest speakers
- Tips for administrators on how to motivate staff to build parent involvement
- Updates for promoting parent involvement during district/school staff development
- Use electronic distribution of tips, ideas and articles about how schools and educators can build parent involvement

D. The school district will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Title I Pre-K, Ensuring Literacy and Numeracy, Supplemental Educational Services, English as a Second Language, public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

E. The 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 practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

List of Activities

- Review district procedures for how we currently disseminate information.
- Create a district process for translating materials from English to other languages.

**PART II.     ADOPTION**

This District wide Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by the Bogalusa City School District parental involvement facilitators.

This policy was adopted by the Bogalusa City School District on 08/30/2010 and will be in effect for the period of 1 year.

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