

WILLIAM FLOYD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TITLE I – SCHOOL POLICY
2011-2012

School-Level Parent Involvement Policy

At William Floyd Elementary School, the staff, parents and community work together to accomplish one common goal; student academic, emotional and social growth. We believe that the home is every child's first learning experience and parents are the child's first and permanent teachers.

We provide a multitude of opportunities for parents to become involved in the decision making process in our school. Specifically, our parents / guardians are invited to participate in our Shared Decision Making Team, our Parent Teacher Organization and Title I Parent Meetings. Through participation in these groups, parents are afforded a voice in the decisions and programs that account for their children's academic and social development. Research has shown that children do best when parents are enabled to play four key roles: as teachers, as advisors, as advocates and as decision makers. It is our goal to foster and promote these roles for the parents of our students.

Listed below are several ways that we will continue to develop the home school connection and maximize student achievement:

- Attempts will be made to offer parents a flexible and accommodating schedule to meet with school personnel to be informed of title I services made available for their child. These meetings will be offered in the morning as well as in the evening to accommodate parent work schedules.
- A parent invitation will be forwarded to respective Title 1 parents inviting them to participate in a variety of Title I programs. These programs will be chaired by building administration and instructional staff and focus on enhancing student achievement.
- The school accepts the responsibility to do the best to educate all students; most specifically Title I students with a Standards based curriculum that is meaningful and engaging in content to support instructional objectives to promote achievement on both local and State assessments.
- Parents will be invited to attend meetings with their child's teacher as well as the Instructional Support Team, when needed, regarding their child's academic progress.
- Parents will be provided with parent-student workshops with a focus on Literacy and Mathematics skills needed to achieve mastery levels on State and local assessments.

- Title I parents will be invited to attend Title I parent Meetings where they will review the parent involvement policy and parent compact, make recommendations for policies and funds and learn about primary and intermediate reading instruction.
- Parents will be provided with information about our UPK program so they can become a resource, encourage and fully support the education of their children.
- Parents will be provided with an understanding of New York State testing, new common core standards and how to monitor their child's progress and work with the school to improve the achievement of their children.
- Parents of incoming Kindergarten students are invited to attend a parent orientation meeting where they will be provided with an overview of the Kindergarten educational programs.
- Parents will be provided with the opportunity to attend parent workshops where they will be trained to bridge the relationship between school and home.
- Parent involvement opportunities will be provided by William Floyd Elementary School to allow parents to build relationships with the schools educational staff.
- Parents will be informed of Title I programs, meetings, and various activities through information provided on the district-wide web page and informative mailings.
- Parents will be offered the opportunity to voice complaints directly to the building Principal followed by a meeting with a designee of the Superintendent of schools or the Title I Coordinator.

At William Floyd Elementary School greater family involvement in children's learning is a critical link to achieving a high quality education and a safe, disciplined learning environment for every student. In forging this home school connection, it is our goal to maximize student achievement and success.