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TITLE I JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY **PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY**

Jefferson Hills Intermediate School of the West Jefferson Hills School District is committed to providing a quality education for every child in the school. When schools and parents form strong partnerships, children's potential for academic success improves significantly.

Jefferson Hills Intermediate School will involve parents in the development of the LEA Plan and in the process of school review and improvement.

- Title I Parent Advisory/Title I Parents will serve on the planning committees for the Title I Plan and the School Improvement Plan.
- Meetings will be held to provide Title I parents with the opportunity for input into the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the Title I Program.

Jefferson Hills Intermediate School will provide technical assistance and support to the parents in planning and implementing effective involvement activities.

- Actively support staff and promote efforts that increase the level and quality of parent involvement.
- Provide parents and staff information, materials, and training on required and effective parent involvement policies and practices.
- Provide the best practices, ideas, materials, new approaches, research, and other program information in order for Jefferson Hills Intermediate School to improve its parent involvement programs.
- Research and model effective parent involvement activities and practices.
- Provide resource materials for parent meetings, workshops, and take home learning activities.
- Collaborate with the PTA/PTO, Parent Advisory Council, community agencies, and businesses to provide activities that build capacity for parents to assist learning and participate in school processes such as parent workshops or family unity activities.

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Jefferson Hills Intermediate School will build parents' capacity for parent involvement by following programs to strengthen the school/family partnership by providing materials and training for school staff and parents.

- Educate school staff and parents in the value of contributions of parents and how to reach out to communicate with and work with parents as equal partners to implement and coordinate parent programs and to build ties between parents and the school.
- Provide staff development for teachers, families, administrators, staff, and others on how to increase the level and quality of family involvement.
- Provide training to parents in understanding topics such as academic standards and how to help their children meet academic standards by monitoring their progress and literacy skills.
- Provide information for parents in understanding state academic content and performance standards, state and local assessment requirements of Title I and how parents can assist in their child's education.
- Jefferson Hills Intermediate School will ensure Title I parents with limited English proficiency or literacy difficulties the same opportunities as other parents. These opportunities may be structured, adapted, or modified so that the parents may receive the same benefits and services as the other Title I parents.
- Jefferson Hills Intermediate School will provide information to parents about the Parent Resource Center.

Jefferson Hills Intermediate School will coordinate Title I parent involvement activities with other parental involvement activities.

- Coordinate Title I parent involvement activities to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other programs, by providing mutual parent involvement training and information.
- Collaborate with community agencies such as Adult Basic Education and Literacy Volunteers of America to inform schools and parents of literacy training and parent education.

Jefferson Hills Intermediate School will conduct with parents and annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent involvement policy; assess how much parent involvement has increased and the barriers to parental participation that needs to be addressed. The findings will be used to design strategies for school improvement and to revise parental involvement policies.

- Conduct an annual meeting for Title I parents to evaluate the content and effectiveness of the Title I Parent Involvement Plan, procedures, and policies and use the evaluation to identify successful parent involvement strategies to improve parent involvement.

Parents will have input into the funding for parent involvement through the district and school planning process.