

Amherst Elementary School School Parental Involvement Plan

Part I: General Expectations

Amherst Elementary agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school will jointly develop with parents and distribute to parents of participating children, a School Parental Involvement Policy that the school and parents of participating children agree on.
- The school will notify parents about the School Parental Involvement Policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, will distribute this policy to parents in a language the parents can understand.
- The school will make the School Parental Involvement Policy available to the local community.
- The school will periodically update the School Parental Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- The school will adopt the school's school-parent compact as a component of its School Parental Involvement Policy.
- The school agrees to be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and 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.*

Part II: Description of How the School Will Implement Required School Parental Involvement Policy Components

1. **Amherst Elementary School** will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development, improvement and agreement of its School Parental Involvement Policy and its school wide plan, if applicable, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way under section 1118(b) of the ESEA:

The following will be disseminated to parents for review through back to school mailings, newsletters, informational meetings, e-mails, school website, and the PTO Organization:

- School Parental Involvement Policy
- School-Parent Compact
- Parent Notices as they apply to the Title I, Part A Non-Regulatory Guidance

2. **Amherst Elementary School** will convene an annual meeting during the first quarter of the school year at a time convenient to parents, to inform parents of the following:

- Amherst Elementary School participates in Title I
- The requirements of Title I
- Of their rights to be involved

Amherst Elementary School will encourage parents to attend this annual meeting, by:

- Principal email to all parents
- Posting in the parent group newsletter

3. **Amherst Elementary School** will provide parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, the proficiency levels students are expected to meet by:

- Class Newsletters
- District Webpage
- Weekly email communication from classroom teachers to families (as needed)
- District and School Newsletters
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Open House
- Title I Parent Informational Night (Annual Meeting)
- Amherst Elementary Webpage
- Amherst Elementary Teacher Webpages
- Kindergarten Orientation

4. **Amherst Elementary School** will provide parents of participating children an opportunity to provide suggestions and to participate in decisions about the education of their children as practicably possible through:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Open House
- Kindergarten Orientation
- RTI Process
- IEP (Individual Education Plan) Meetings
- Parent Group Monthly Meetings
- Title I Parent Informational Night (Annual Meeting)

5. **Amherst Elementary School** will submit to the district office any concerns regarding the plan under section (1114)(b) voiced by parents. If the plan is not satisfactory to parents of participating children, their comments will be submitted with the plan when it is submitted to the district office.

Part III: Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

1. **Amherst Elementary School** 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:

- Newsletters
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Open House
- Family Involvement Opportunities
- Title 1 Informational Meetings

2. **Amherst Elementary School** will incorporate the school-parent compact as a component of its School Parental Involvement Policy and it will be disseminated to the parents at the beginning of every school year.

- At student registration/beginning of each school year
- Open House
- Kindergarten Orientation
- Parent Teacher Conferences

3. **Amherst Elementary School** will provide information to parents concerning State Assessments, school performance profiles, and their child's individual assessment results, including assistance in understanding the results.

- Access and instructions for Sungard Parent Internet Viewer to check student grades in real time
- Ensure interim and report cards with accompanying explanations, and comments are provided to parents via Sungard Parent Viewer.
- Provide a Principal's explanatory notice accompanying all state test results
- Dissemination of State testing results for students in grades 3-5
- Dissemination and discussion of KRA results
- Discussion and strategies regarding increasing student achievement, curriculum and assessment at IEP meetings, RIMP meetings, RTI meetings and Parent Teacher conferences.

4. **Amherst Elementary School** will, with the assistance of the district, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school in understanding topics such as the following:

- Ohio's Learning Standards;
- Achievement expectations for Ohio students;
- State and Local Academic Assessments including alternate assessments;
- The requirement of Title I;
- Additional information topics that may arise during parent school interactions.
 - Parent Teacher Conferences
 - Kindergarten Orientation
 - Title 1 Annual Meeting
 - Informational Mailings

5. **Amherst Elementary School** will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parent/guardian 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.