

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of parental involvement in the education of every child. In order to build strong parental support, each school:

- Shall help parents in understanding such topics as the State's academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this policy, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.
- Shall provide materials and training to parents to help them improve their children's achievement.
- Shall educate all staff to ensure all school personnel understand the value of parent involvement.
- Shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Head Start, More at Four Program, Pamlico Partnership for Children and other Pamlico County preschool programs.
- Shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.
- May involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training.
- May pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- May train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents.
- May arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation.
- May adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement.
- May develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities.
- May provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.

In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, Title I, section 1116 (2), Pamlico County Schools shall actively involve parents in all Title I funded schools. Each school receiving Title I money:

- Shall involve parents in the development of the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Title I Plan by using the PTO officers and Advisory Board members for review and input at each Title I funded school.
- Shall provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
- Shall coordinate and integrate parental involvement in Pamlico County Schools.
- Shall conduct an annual evaluation of this policy and of the strategies for parental involvement listed in the Title I application.
- Shall ensure that parents are always involved in the schools' activities including being a part of each school's School Improvement Team (SIT).
- Shall conduct an annual school-level meeting for parents of all eligible Title I children to discuss the Title I-funded programs and activities.
- May provide necessary literacy training from funds received under Title I, part A if the local educational agency has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training.

The Board of Education may establish a district-wide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in programs supported by Title I funds.

Legal Ref.: Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, Title I, section 1116 (2); G.S. 115C-47(54).

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