

Lexington County School District One
Title I Parental Involvement Policy
2014-2015
Gilbert Primary School

In collaboration with parents, Lexington School District One and Gilbert Primary School have created a Parental Involvement Policy as outlined by the No Child Left Behind Act. In accordance with this policy, we agree to the following:

- The Lexington One School District will ask parents to serve on the team that develops the Title I plan under section 1112, and the process of school review and improvement under section 1116. Parents will be informed of any schools identified for improvement and will serve on teams to develop school improvement plans. Meetings, conferences, surveys, suggestion boxes and electronic communication will be used as methods to generate parent feedback in the development of the plan. Procedures will be in place to respond to parent suggestions within two days of receiving the suggestion. These procedures will be followed by all staff members
- Lexington School District One assures that its Title 1 schools will have an annual meeting at the beginning of each year to inform parents of the school's participation in the program and to explain the requirements of the program and their right to be involved. Parents will receive regular communication consisting of telephone contacts, website access and newsletters regarding upcoming Title 1 events.
- Lexington School District One will engage parents in the planning and review of the Parental Involvement Policy and the Family-School Compact for Achievement. The Compact will outline how parents, the entire school staff and students will share in the responsibility for improved student achievement. Both the Involvement Policy and the Compact will be made available to parents for their responses at the beginning of the school year. Opportunities will be made available for additional parent comments. Parent feedback will be used to review and update the Involvement Policy and the Compact. Principals will remind parents of the importance of their feedback in the school newsletter and other forms of communication.
- Parents will be informed of the qualifications of their children's teacher. Teaching credentials will be posted on the district website. Parents will be notified in writing if their children are taught for four or more weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.
- Lexington School District One will work with schools to provide the coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary in planning and implementing effective parent involvement. Assistance will be coordinated with the Parenting Center, (First Steps), district adult education, school nurses and other resources as needed. Parents of children attending Pre-K Programs at Title 1 schools will be invited to participate in parental involvement activities at the school.

- Lexington School District One will conduct an annual evaluation of the Title 1 Program Plan, including the content and effectiveness of the Parental Involvement Policy and Family-School Compact for Achievement. Based on the results of the parent survey in the spring of each year, Title 1 committee members will work with parent groups at the school level to identify barriers to greater participation by parents in activities authorized by this section (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). Any strategies developed will be used as part of the revision of the policy and communicated to parents in an understandable format.
- Lexington School District One will foster parental involvement through an established volunteer program, conferences, Back to School Nights and other school programs such as PTA/PTO meetings. These meetings, including parent conferences, will be held at different times to accommodate parent schedules. Title 1 funds may be used to pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities.
- Lexington School District One will engage the parents of children in Title 1 schools in decisions about how the one percent of Title 1 funds reserved for parent involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- Lexington School District One's Title 1 schools will continuously update parents regarding curriculum, state and local assessments and proficiency standards through family curriculum nights, conferences, newsletters and the district website. Parents will be informed of student progress through progress reports, report cards and conferences.
- Lexington School District One will schedule Title 1 committee meetings, with parent representation, for the purpose of developing, planning, reviewing and improving the Schoolwide Title 1 Program. Parents will be given the opportunity to provide comments on the Program Plan if they feel it to be unsatisfactory, and these comments will be provided to the LEA and SEA.
- Parents annually receive copies of the school and district report cards. Priority and Focus Schools are required to notify parents of their status upon identification and each year until they exit their status. This notification must invite parents to participate in the school's turnaround or improvement activities and provide opportunities to engage in the process.
- Within ten days of registration, students with Limited English Proficiency are tested and parents are notified of the results within the first thirty days of school. A parent notification form is included with the results if their child is going to be placed in a language instruction program.

