

Ada City Schools

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Parents are involved in the planning, activation, and review of the Title I Program and Parental Involvement Policy. They are considered partners in all phases of implementing the goals and objectives of the Title I plan. Parent representatives are included on the Title I Planning Committee and are encouraged to participate in not only the planning but the assessment of the effectiveness of the program as well. Opportunities are made available for parents to attend meetings scheduled at various times in order to obtain information on Title I, Parental Involvement, and ESSA requirements that are specific to each school site. At each meeting, parents are encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback relative to all Title I programs and their effectiveness. Many opportunities for parents are scheduled throughout the school year. In each instance, parents may provide input on the effectiveness of the Parental Involvement policy and activities.

Parent meetings are held throughout the school year at each of the grade centers. A minimum of two parent conferences are held each year. Communication opportunities are provided for parental involvement on a continuous basis through: telephone calls, written notes, web based services, newsletters, progress reports, deficiency notices, class work going home and report cards. Parent in-services are designed and implemented on a per-need basis. “Meet and Greet” days are held annually to provide an opportunity for students who are new to a particular school site to visit their new school with their parents and family to meet the faculty and tour their new building. Additional opportunities for parental involvement include: enrollment, Parents in Education night, Open House, “Parent University” nights, etc.

Each Title I school site provides information in enrollment packets that outline “Parents Right-to-Know” requirements and the methods available to obtain information concerning teacher qualifications, any services provided by paraprofessionals, and the “highly qualified” status of its teachers. Parent/teacher conferences are held at each site and provide opportunities to discuss each student’s level of achievement on state academic assessments. The district report card and site report cards are also made available at parent/teacher conferences, are on the District web site, and are sent home each spring with each student.

The District’s web site provides information to parents throughout the year. The District’s Curriculum Maps are available for parents to access to learn more about their child’s educational program. Additionally, there are links on the website to information from the Oklahoma State Department of Education and other resources. The District also has a local educational access

television station that provides ongoing information about events and activities for students and their families.

The Director of Parent Involvement participates regularly in community-wide meetings that address quality of life issues for parents and their children. A monthly “Parent Involvement Calendar of Events” is made available to parents on the District’s website, through online school site newspapers, on the District’s television station, through Constant Contact via the Ada Regional United Way’s website and is distributed throughout the community by members of local agencies and community coalitions. The calendar is designed to offer parents opportunities to be involved in a variety of ways in the community; it includes information regarding community meetings, trainings, special events, family activities and local agency events.