

**Schoolwide Title I
PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY
2013-2014**

Armstrong Elementary School will implement an effective Parent Involvement Policy and plan to support students' academic success, by providing the following:

A. Armstrong Elementary will involve parents in the joint development of the Title I plan, Parent Involvement Policy, and process of school review and improvement through the following:

- We will solicit parental feedback for revisions or improvement to Armstrong's Parent Involvement Policy and School-Parent -Student Compact.
- As a recipient of Title I funds, Armstrong Elementary school will consult with parents of children enrolled in the school to establish expectations and to provide activities for effective parental involvement.

B. Armstrong Elementary will provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance through the following:

- We will solicit 100% attendance for parent-teacher conferences held during the fall and spring. All parents will be encouraged to schedule other conferences as needed or requested.
- We will coordinate with district and community resources to implement effective parent involvement opportunities.
- Parents will receive feedback on all major student assessments and standardized test results.
- Parents will receive district scheduled mid-term progress reports and quarterly report cards to inform parents of the academic success of their children.

C. Armstrong Elementary will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement through the following:

- We will schedule requested parent visits, parent-teacher conferences, and observations of classroom activities.
- We will solicit parents to volunteer in the classrooms and in other school activities, and to participate in decisions about the school programs.
- Parents and students will be encouraged to review homework daily.
- Parents will receive newsletters informing them of instructional objectives, skills of study, school news, and upcoming events and deadlines for projects.
- Parent workshops will be offered throughout the school year, and home visits will be made by the staff, as needed.

D. Armstrong Elementary will coordinate and implement Title I parent involvement strategies through:

- Parent participation, parent conferences, parenting workshops, and by written and phone communications by classroom teachers and school administration.
 - Opportunities for all parents to be a part of School Improvement Council meetings, PTA Board meetings and Schoolwide Title I meetings, in order to give feedback and make suggestions regarding all Parent Involvement activities.
 - Numerous opportunities for school/community participation in parent trainings in literacy, academic and curriculum standards, and parenting skills.
- E. Armstrong Elementary staff and parents will discuss the effectiveness of the Parental Involvement Policy and its impact on improving the academic quality of the school. This will include identifying strategies that will increase the participation of all parents including non-English speaking parents, parents of students with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. Procedures will include the following:**
- We will provide opportunities for and encourage all parents to participate in evaluating all parent involvement activities and programs.
 - A school-parent compact will be developed with parental input to outline how the parent, the entire staff, and the students will work together as a team to share the responsibility for improving student achievement. This will be used to help build a partnership with the students to achieve the state's high standards. The parents, students, teachers, and principal will sign this at the parent conference at the end of the first night weeks of school.
- F. Armstrong Elementary will involve parents in the activities of the Title I Schools and forward all information to parents related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:**
- Parents will be invited to visit school to attend all programs being offered, to observe classes, and to volunteer in classrooms.
 - Parents will be informed through various communications about the school, its programs, and their children's academic progress.
 - Parents will be solicited to volunteer or to serve on committees so that they may have input regarding decisions about the school and school programs.
- G. Armstrong Elementary will make accommodations to support parent involvement at the district and school levels through the following:**
- We will arrange school and parent meetings at a variety of times or conduct in-home conferences between teachers and/or other educators who work directly with participating children in order to maximize parental involvement and participation.
 - Respond to parental concerns within 24 hours or the first business day after receiving communication from the parent.
 - Encourage parent involvement by paying reasonable and necessary expenses, if applicable, associated with transportation costs to enable participation in school-related meetings and training sessions.
 - Provide training to parents, if needed, to train other parents to enhance involvement.

- Participate in district-wide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in programs supported by the law.
- Provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request.
- Provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children including providing information and school reports required under Title I law, section 1111, in an easy to read format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents understand.