

**RANDOLPH COUNTY SCHOOLS  
PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY  
2013-2014**

**PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS**

Randolph County Schools agrees to implement the following statutory requirements.

Randolph County Schools will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.

Consistent with section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.

Randolph County Schools will incorporate this district wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA.

In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school district and its schools will provide full opportunities 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 section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the State Department of Education.

Randolph County Schools will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.

Randolph County Schools will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition: **34.**

- (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 committee 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 DISTRICT WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED DISTRICT WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMMENTS**

Randolph County Schools will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district wide parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA:

Randolph County Schools will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:

- PAC meetings
- Surveys
- LSIC meetings

Randolph County Schools will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.

- Coordinate workshops based upon needs
- "Lunch and Learn" series
- WESTEST/DIBELS talks with students and parents
- Take home programs including We Both Read/DEAR
- Technology class/training for parents/Internet safety
- Study skills/organizational skills workshop
- Child Rearing and Child Development
- Parent volunteers

Randolph County Schools will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following programs: Head Start, Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters, etc.

The preschool classrooms at North, Beverly, GWES, TWES, Midland, Coalton, Homestead and JRES will be involved in all parent involvement activities provided by the Title I program.

Randolph County Schools will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A



schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (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). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.

- Each parent involvement activity is evaluated by the parents for its effectiveness and how the specific activity can be improved for overall school improvement.
- PAC meetings
- LSIC meetings
- Establish a district wide County Improvement Steering Committee to provide recommendations on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I.
- Parent Surveys are conducted to get parent input into the schoolwide programs.

Randolph County Schools will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph

Activities include:

- Conduct workshops as requested by school and parents.
- PTA/PTO meetings
- WESTEST/DIBELS results discussed with parents as requested.

Randolph County Schools will, with the assistance of its schools, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by activities such as:

- Workshops
- Reading Fun Nights at schools
- Math Fun Nights at schools
- Lunch and Learn
- Volunteer Training
- Read Aloud Training

Randolph County Schools will, with the assistance of its schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by using the information provided from the following:

- the State's academic content standards,
- the State's student academic achievement standards,
- the State and local academic assessment including alternate assessments,
- the requirements of Part A,
- how to monitor their child's progress, and
- how to work with educators

Conducting the following workshops:

- "How to communicate and work with parents" is conducted by the principal as a Staff Development session for all personnel.
- Back to School Activities where "What is Title I" is discussed - Title I Parent Involvement activities at school level.  
and by:
- Sending a Title I folder and student agenda books explaining what a schoolwide Title I program is and what services are available.
- Parent Teacher Conferences

Randolph County Schools will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:

- Parent Specialist conducts workshops each year in the preschool classrooms.
- The Parent Specialist is available to the WV Pre K collaborative classrooms for parent workshops.
- The Parent Resource Center is open for parents to get resources on parenting issues.
- The Parent Specialist will conduct Volunteer Training.
- The Parent Specialist will continue the Home Contact Program.

The school district will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent-programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.

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| *Newspaper      | *School Newsletter |
| *School website | *Engrade           |
| *Parent Link    | * Agenda Books     |

### **PART III. DISCRETIONARY DISTRICT WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS**

The District wide Parental Involvement Policy may include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the



School district, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school and school system to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under section 1118(e) of the ESEA:

- involving parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, aides, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training;
- providing necessary literacy training for parents from the Title I, Part A funds, if the school district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training;
- training parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;
- in order to maximize parental involvement and participation in their children's education, arranging school meetings at a variety of times, or conducting in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend those conferences at school;
- adopting and implementing model approaches to improving parental involvement;
- establishing a district wide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs; developing appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parental involvement activities; and
- providing other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 as parent may request;
- establish a County-wide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement programs;
- develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and business in parental involvement activities

The Title I Parent Policy will be included in the Randolph County Board of Education Policy Manual which is currently under revision.

#### **PART IV. ADOPTION**

This District wide Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, Parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by minutes of the Randolph County School Steering Committee Meeting.

This policy was adopted by **Randolph County Schools** on **June 3, 2013** and will be in effect for the period of **one year**. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children.