

Title I Schoolwide School

Highland School

Parent & Guardian Involvement Policy

2020-2021



Introduction

Highland School believes that parent involvement is essential to a student's academic success. To honor this commitment to provide the best possible educational experience for the student, Highland staff will:

- Hold workshops to address specific issues related to student achievement in literacy and mathematics
- Schedule meetings related to Title 1 programs to best accommodate parents' and guardians' schedules and provide child care, as needed, during the meetings
- Provide parents and guardians with a Highland Elementary School and an Abington School District Parent Handbook, the document that describes the grade level content and performance level indicators, for their child's grade level

If you have questions, please contact the principal, Dr. James Eten.

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Parent & Guardian Involvement Policy

This Parent & Guardian Involvement Policy was developed with parent and guardian input. This policy is updated annually and distributed to parents and guardians. Highland plans and implements parent and guardian involvement programs and activities that build capacity for parent and guardian involvement in student learning.

Each parent and guardian workshop is evaluated by parents and guardians in terms of the program's content and delivery. Additionally, parents and guardians have an opportunity to suggest additional workshop topics.

Highland staff invites parents and guardians to:

- Attend the annual meeting about our Title I program for parents and guardians
- Review academic achievement progress reports that are prepared for their students and contact the school with any questions
- Attend Title 1 parent and guardian workshops offered throughout the course of the school year
- Propose suggestions for agenda items for Title 1 parent and guardian workshops

Communication with Parents

Highland will communicate timely information about the Title I program to parents and guardians. This will be done via email, informational flyers, phone calls, website postings, parent workshops and/or parent-teacher conferences which are held at different times during the day.

Additionally, Highland offers opportunities for meetings for parents and guardians to formulate suggestions and to participate in decisions related to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

Parent & Guardian Workshops

Each year, Highland offers Title I workshops for parents and guardians. At these workshops, your child's school will provide materials and training to help you work with your child to improve achievement and to foster parent and guardian involvement. Workshop topics include:

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- Annual Title 1 program overview, including an explanation of the program requirements and parents' right to be involved
 - Promoting family literacy
 - Math games to develop strong skills
 - Strategies for reading and math success
 - Information and materials for on-going parent involvement in their student's education
 - Understanding your child's progress in Highland's curriculum, including assessments and expected proficiency levels
 - Overview of PSSA and interpretation of PSSA results
 - Pennsylvania Core ELA and Mathematics Standards
 - Activities for maintaining skills over the summer

Parent & Guardian Input

Highland's Title I program welcomes parent and guardian input. At our Title I parent and guardian workshops, parents and guardians evaluate the workshop and have an opportunity to provide suggestions for future topics. Our parent & guardian - school compact is jointly developed with parents and outlines how parents, staff, and students share responsibility for your child's education. At an annual meeting, parent representatives meet to assist with a review and planning of each school's Title I program and Parent Involvement Policy.

Title I funds are used to purchase materials used in parent workshops, to cover the cost of childcare and a light dinner during parent meetings, and to support the attendance of representative families at the annual State Parent Advisory Council (SPAC) summer workshop.