

# ***Forest Hills School District***

## **Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy** **Forest Hills Elementary School**

The Forest Hills School District is committed to the belief that all children can learn and acknowledges that parents share the school's commitment to the educational success of their children.

The Forest Hills Elementary School is dedicated to meeting the educational needs of all students. The Forest Hills Elementary School personnel believe that the education of children is a joint responsibility, one it shares with the parents/guardians of the school community. To ensure that the educational needs of the students are being met, a strong educational program of cooperation and communication between school and home must be encouraged and maintained for each student. The parents and school personnel share the responsibility for improved academic achievement towards the goal set by the state's high level of academic standards.

The Forest Hills Elementary School has recognized that students are more likely to succeed when families, communities and schools work together. Forest Hills School District hereby establishes the following school level Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy:

1. Forest Hills Elementary School, in consultation with parents shall develop written policies to ensure that parents are involved in the planning, design and implementation of the program. Forest Hills Elementary School must involve parents in the planning, review and improvement of the school's Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the School-Parent Compact, and the school's Title I Schoolwide Program as follows:
  - ✓ The Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be addressed at our annual Title I Parent Meeting.
  - ✓ A PowerPoint Presentation outlining the school's schoolwide program will be utilized at our annual Title I Parent Meeting.
  - ✓ The Title I School-Parent Compact will be discussed and addressed at the annual Title I Parent Meeting.
  - ✓ At the annual Title I Parent Meetings, the members will aid in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the school's Title I Schoolwide Program.
2. Information regarding the Title I Program will be shared with parents by means of our District website, hand-outs, parent workshops and the annual fall and spring meetings. Forest Hills Elementary School will provide materials and training to help parents / guardians work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement. Forest Hills Elementary School will provide assistance to parents /guardians in understanding the State's academic content standards and student achievement standards, local academic assessments and how to monitor a child's progress and best ways to work collaboratively with teachers to improve the achievement of their children.

3. Opportunities for regular meetings to offer parental input will be provided by means of scheduled parent conferences, as needed conferences / meetings according to student data, and annual Title I Parent Meetings held in the fall and spring.
  - ✓ Fall Parent / Teacher Conferences (day and evening hours available)
  - ✓ Student Support Services Meetings (SSS Meetings) as needed according to student data
  - ✓ Annual Title I Parent Meetings (Fall and Spring)
4. Forest Hills Elementary School will provide parents / guardians, where practical, with various data reports on their child's progress and make school personnel accessible.
  - ✓ Students receive a report card after each grading period
  - ✓ Mid-term progress reports are sent home quarterly
  - ✓ Students receive an individual PSSA Report (3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - ✓ Parents may schedule an appointment (in-person or phone call) to discuss their child's progress at any time throughout the school year.
5. Forest Hills Elementary School, where possible, will provide information about programs and activities in the language and form that parents can understand by means of explanations at meetings and parent mailings when needed. Forest Hills Elementary will ensure that non-English speaking parents / guardians will be provided information on Title I and the progress of their child in a language or format they can understand.
6. Forest Hills Elementary School will provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's activities and to observe classroom activities as follows:
  - ✓ P.T.O. (Parent –Teacher Organization)
  - ✓ Classroom Parent Volunteer (when appropriate)
  - ✓ Elementary School Visitation Lunches
7. Forest Hills Elementary School will provide such other reasonable support for Title I Parent and Family Engagement activities as parents may request.

Forest Hills Elementary School shall annually assess through consultation with parents, the effectiveness of the Title I Parent and Family Engagement process and determine what action needs to be taken, if any, to increase parental participation.

Forest Hills Elementary School will assess in the following manner: input of parents / guardians will be solicited at parent conferences and annual meetings.