

Silver Strand Elementary School
Title I School-Level Parental Involvement Policy

Silver Strand Elementary School has developed a written Title I parental involvement policy with input from Title I parents that was received via both parent survey and meeting. It has distributed the policy to parents of Title I students at its annual fall meetings. Silver Strand Elementary School's policy describes the means for carrying out the following Title I parental involvement requirements. *[Title I Parental Involvement, 20 USC 6318(a)-(f)]*

Involvement of Parents in the Title I Program

Silver Strand Elementary School does the following:

1. Convenes annual meetings to inform parents of Title I students of Title I requirements and their rights to be involved in the Title I program. Background re: Title I funding, essential elements of the Title I academic assistance program as it applies to our school, family/school compact, and other pertinent information is provided at this meeting.
2. Offers a flexible number of meetings by offering opportunities to meet both during the school day and after school hours.
3. Involves parents of Title I students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of its Title I programs and the Title I parental involvement policy. This review takes place by means of input from the Title I Parent Advisory Committee.
4. Provides parents of Title I students with timely information about Title I programs via annual meetings.
5. Provides parents of Title I students with an explanation of the curriculum, assessments, and proficiency levels students are expected to meet. This information is part of the annual meetings. This information is also made available to parents of Title I students during annual parent/teacher conferences as well as Open House night in the spring. A policy review is also part of regularly scheduled Title 1 Parent Advisory Committee and School Site Council meetings.
6. Provides parents of Title I students, if requested, with opportunities for regular meetings to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children via ongoing communication with site Reading Specialist and both regularly scheduled and as requested parent/teacher conferences.

School-Parent Compact

Silver Strand Elementary School has jointly developed with and distributed to parents of Title I students a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It also describes how the school and parents will develop a partnership to help children reach proficiency on the California content standards. The school-parent compact describes the following items in addition to items added by parents of Title I students:

1. The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction
2. The parents' responsibility to support their children's learning

3. The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers through, at least, annual conferences, reports on student progress, access to staff, and opportunities to volunteer and participate in and observe the educational program

This compact was developed with Title I Parent Advisory Committee input and distributed to parents at its annual meetings, as well as via notices sent home to parents.

Building Capacity for Involvement

Silver Strand Elementary School engages Title I parents in meaningful interactions with the school. It supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school does the following:

1. Assists Title I parents in understanding academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children via its annual parent meetings.
2. Provides materials and training to help Title I parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement through annual parent meetings, parent/teacher conferences, Open House, and other meetings, as needed.
3. Educates staff, with the assistance of Title I parents, in the value of parent contributions and how to work with parents as equal partners by way of regularly scheduled collaboration and professional development meetings.
4. Coordinates and integrates the Title I parental involvement program with other programs and conducts other activities, such as "Everyone a Reader" volunteer trainings, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.
5. Distributes to Title I parents information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities in a form and language that the parents understand via parent meetings, newsletters, and Open House presentations.
6. Provides support for parental involvement activities requested by Title I parents per input from Title I Parent Advisory Committee and annual parent meetings.

Accessibility

Silver Strand Elementary School provides opportunities for all Title I parents to participate, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students by offering translation and other accessibility assistance as needed.