

# GREAT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT GUIDELINES



Great Valley School District is committed to Parental Involvement Guidelines in the Title I Program and adheres to regulations stated in section 1118 (c-f) of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

School annual meetings will be held to inform parents of their school's participation in the Title I program and their right to be involved in the development, review and improvement of the Parent Involvement Plan. Great Valley School District will involve parents in the joint development of this plan by convening district Parent Advisory Council meetings.

Great Valley School District will provide coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective Schoolwide Program Plans and parent involvement programs by:

1. providing materials and training not otherwise available to help parents with their child's achievement
2. educating teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and staff on how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners.
3. ensuring, to the extent possible, that information is sent home in language and form that parents can understand.
4. providing opportunities for meetings such as parent-teacher conferences to occur in various formats and to permit two-way communication between home and school so that parents can participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children.
5. ensuring school-parent compacts, jointly developed with parents, are being used to outline responsibilities of the school staff, parents, and students in striving to raise student achievement and explain how an effective home-school partnership will be developed.

Great Valley School District will build the school's capacity for strong parental involvement by:

1. providing assistance to participating parents in such areas as understanding the Title I Program, the Pennsylvania academic standards and assessment anchors.
2. providing a description and explanation of grade level curriculum, forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and proficiency levels that students are expected to meet.
3. encouraging the formation of partnerships between schools and local businesses that include a role for parents.
4. approving reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
5. encouraging meetings at a variety of times, such as mornings and evenings, in order to maximize the opportunities for parents to participate in school-related activities.
6. providing information about the availability of federally funded supplemental brochures or information for parents related to the academic and social development of their children.

Great Valley School District will conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Title I Program and Parental Involvement Plan as it relates to increased academic quality, strategies for increasing participation and identifying barriers to greater parent participation by:

1. distributing an annual survey to solicit such information of all participating Title I parents, Title I teachers, administrators, classroom teachers, and guidance personnel to improve the effectiveness of instruction and services to participating children.
2. inviting participating Title I parents to an annual District meeting to review and discuss parental involvement effectiveness and identify barriers to greater parent participation.
3. conducting regular meetings of the District Parent Advisory Council, with parent representatives from each eligible Title I School.