

THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Thornton Township High School will involve parents in regular, two-way meaningful communication addressing student achievement and ensuring: that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning; that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education; that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

In compliance with Section 1118(a)(2), of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), **Thornton Township High School** agrees to implement required statutory requirements to: Involve parents in the joint planning and development of the district's Title I plan through representation on the district ESEA team and participation in fall and spring ESEA meetings. Involve parents in an Annual Local Review of the Title I Program and use the results of the Annual Review to address any identified barriers to parental participation. The Annual Review will be conducted each spring and will include an analysis of state and local assessment data, a review of grade level needs and services provided, parent/teacher/and/or student survey data, and a summary analysis of the effectiveness of Title I Services. Involve parents in the development, implementation, and review of Parent-School Compacts. The compact will be discussed and signed during fall parent-teacher conferences and reviewed during spring conferences. The compact will also be posted on the district website. Involve parents in the planning and development of effective parent involvement activities through representation on each building's Title I Needs Assessment/Evaluation Committee or Schoolwide Committee. Committee meetings will be scheduled flexibly with the scheduling needs of parents in mind.

Build the schools' and parents' capacity for parent involvement by:

- ❖ Providing parents with information on state standards, assessments, requirements of Title I, monitoring their child's progress, and working with educators. Information will be provided during an annual fall meeting, through quarterly progress notices, at parent-teacher conferences, in the district newsletter, and on the district website.
- ❖ Providing materials, resources and training to help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement. Resources will be provided in classroom newsletters and communications, through the school IMC, and the Family Resource Center. Parent trainings

and family education nights will be planned each year based on the school needs assessment and may include a family Literacy Night, Math Night, etc. A Book Bag Program will be implemented in grades K-3.

- ❖ Communicating regularly with parents in clear and understandable terms. This will include opportunities for parents to participate in decision-making roles, volunteer opportunities, quarterly Title I meetings, classroom newsletters, an annual parent survey, parent-school compacts, and parent-teacher conferences. Parent-teacher meetings will be scheduled at any time, as requested by parents.
- ❖ Coordinating parent involvement activities with other initiatives including HeadStart, after-school programs, etc.