

Prospect Park School Title I Family Engagement Policy 2020-2021

Prospect Park School will hold an annual meeting in the fall. Title 1 funds may be used to pay for parent involvement activities. The purpose of this meeting is to inform parents about the Prospect Park Title 1 program, the Title 1 parent requirements, and their right to be involved and suggest improvements. Childcare will be provided at this meeting.

Title 1 staff will be available for individual parent conferences in person or by telephone during the two regularly scheduled district conferences in the fall and the spring. The classroom teacher or the parent will ask the Reading Specialist to join the classroom conference if necessary. The Reading Specialist will also continue to educate and support teachers on best practices for positive parent interaction (i.e. SPAC video skits). At any time, parents can request more information about our current school curriculum, district academic assessments, and student achievement levels/state standards.

The Title 1 staff and the parents will arrange for conferences on an as-needed basis. These conferences can also occur at any time throughout the year to discuss concerns, progress, or problems.

Title 1 parents will be provided with information about the Title 1 program, the curriculum, assessments, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. At any time, parents can request more information about our current school curriculum, or ask to review our student compact, district academic assessments, and student achievement levels/state standards. The information will be delivered in a timely manner in written, verbal or workshop format.

Title 1 parents will have the right to participate in all decisions relating to the education of their children. Regular meetings can be established upon parent request. Prospect Park School will respond and take into consideration suggestions made by the parents as soon as possible.

During the school year a parent/school/student compact will be signed. This agreement, which will be jointly developed and reviewed by parents, will specify how parents, the staff, and the student will share in the responsibility of improving the student's academic performance and ensure that a high-quality curriculum will be provided. The agreement will also emphasize that communication between teachers and parents is vital for student success.

There will be one annual meeting at Prospect Park School. Parents will be invited to attend District Title 1 Workshops with community schools and the Interboro Pre-K Learning Academy, given throughout the year with flexible timing. The workshops, which can be both planned and attended by parents, will focus on helping parents learn more strategic ways to support and work with their children, appropriate technologies, and ask for input to improve the Title 1 Program for our students and families.

Parent input at Prospect Park School will be collected through surveys, meetings at conference times, and through written communication. Our goal will be to help improve our program, and plan to improve the parent engagement policy. The communication will be expressed in a language the parents can understand. Resources such as TransAct and Interpretalk are available to assist families with communication needs.

Parents have the right to help plan, review, and improve the Title 1 program at Prospect Park School.

The Title 1 staff and Prospect Park School will maintain a collection of parent material resources. These materials are available anytime, and can be sent home by the Reading Specialist, emailed, or picked up by parents via parent request. They will be available free of charge for the parents of Title 1 students.

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