

Ida Parent Involvement Plan

It is a goal of the Ida Public School District to ensure that all students learn the intended curriculum. Establishing effective parent partnerships is critical to enable all students to meet the district's high standards of achievement. To achieve this goal and ensure parent involvement in all aspects of a student's education, the Ida Board of Education in coordination with the community, families, and Ida School District Staff support the following action plan:

Parenting

The Ida Board of Education establishes and maintains positions with individuals qualified to provide support to families through direct intervention or referrals to outside agencies.

(Qualified individuals and support staff include the Title I Teacher, K-12 Parent Liaison, School Liaison Officer, School Counselors, Psychologists, and Social Workers.)

Communicating

Important information is published annually in student handbooks; these are distributed to each student and family at the beginning of the school year. Additional handbooks are located in the main office of each school building. Notices and informational items appear through the Internet on Home Access Center (HAC), <http://hac.lisd.us/homeaccess> and the District Website, <http://www.idaschools.org>. Other means of communication that reach Ida families include the Ida Insights, a variety of newsletters, the District calendar, Student/Parent/Teacher Compacts, and TimeTrackers. Information and notices are also directly mailed to families or sent home with students. Parents and community members receive invitations to attend and/or participate in a variety of school programs scheduled throughout the year.

(Examples of activities include Parent Group and Booster Club meetings, the D.A.R.E. Graduation, Evening of the Arts, Parent Conferences, Open Houses and Curriculum Night, Student Transition Orientations, Middle School Career Day, athletic events, and numerous band, music, and theatrical performances.)

All parents of students who receive support through Title I initiatives are invited to an annual Title I Parent Meeting held in the Ida Elementary School. The purpose of this meeting is to inform parents of their rights regarding Title I. Invitations to attend this annual meeting are sent to all parents and guardians of students participating in any program supported by Title I. Parents are to contact the Title I teacher or the elementary building principal for additional information.

Volunteering

Parents are encouraged throughout the school year to participate as mentors. Parents are welcome to contact a teacher, building offices, or parent group leader to join or initiate an opportunity for students. Parents are also encouraged to share their unique talents by actively participating in district activities and organizations.

(Ongoing activities and program opportunities include assisting in the Computer Labs, K-4 Reflections Program, Junior Achievement, MATHCOUNTS, LegoLeague, Quiz Bowl, Athletic and Band Boosters, classroom volunteers, and chaperones.)

Learning at Home

Parent groups/committees established in each building provide meetings and workshops to help parents support their child's education. The informational meetings and workshops are focused on the individual needs of students and their families. Meetings and workshops offer ways for parents to support and participate in learning activities with their children at home.

(Examples of programs include Elementary Family Fun Nights, Make-It-Take-It Workshops, and the Kindergarten Book Tubs Program, etc.)

School Decision Making

Parent participation on district decision-making committees is an ongoing need in the Ida Schools. Parents and community members are highly encouraged to volunteer in the decision-making process.

(Examples of decision-making groups and committees include the Ida Board of Education, the Ida Health Advisory Board, the Ida Curriculum Council, and District/Building School Improvement Teams.)

Collaborating with the Community

The Ida School District actively solicits opportunities to collaborate with the community. Collaboration efforts encompass a broad variety of activities designed to promote civic responsibilities. Activities range from participation in service organizations and recreational programs to involvement in job-shadowing opportunities that promote career awareness.

Note: For specific information regarding any of the parent involvement opportunities, please contact a building principal.