

Robert D. Wilson Elementary
Title I Parent Involvement Policy
2011-2012 School Year

PURPOSE: Title I at the Robert D. Wilson Elementary School endeavors to support a relationship with its parents in the school community to foster the belief that education of children is a joint responsibility.

AUTHORITY: While it is recognized that the parent has the ultimate responsibility for their child's educational habits, Title I strives to instill sound educational practices that are in the best interest of the child.

GUIDELINES: In order to carry out the intention of Title I to build and sustain a parent-school relationship, the following activities may be implemented throughout the school year;

- ❖ **Parent/Teacher Compact Signing Conferences** Eligibility and program components will be discussed. During this time the Title I teacher(s) meet with the parents to explain the school curriculum, the assessments used to monitor progress and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. The compact outlines how parents, school staff and students are jointly responsible for student improvement and gives specific suggestions as to how this can be achieved. At this time materials and training may be offered to the parent to help encourage and support the student's academic progress. Compact signing times are made available throughout the school day with a choice of days in the week.
- ❖ **R. D. Wilson Open House** At this time a Title I informational program is presented along with an additional opportunity to meet with the Title I staff. Information on school curriculum, assessments and proficiency levels will be presented to the parents. The compact will be reviewed and parents will be able to sign the compact at this time. Informational materials may be available on topics related to encouraging student success in school.
- ❖ **Parent Advisory Committee** The committee is comprised of parents of Title I students, grade level teachers, Title I teachers and the Title I Coordinator. During these meetings, the parents will be expected to provide suggestions and participate in the decision making process of the education of their children, when appropriate. The School Parent Involvement Policy will be developed and agreed upon at these meetings. This policy will be reviewed at advisory meetings and improvements discussed. Parent policies will be available on the Title I website and distributed to parents of participating children. The Title I program will also be reviewed and any appropriate improvements will be discussed for consideration. To assess the amount of parental involvement, the committee will analyze Robert D. Wilson Elementary's sign-in sheets from Title I sponsored activities.
- ❖ **Parent Workshops/Conferences** These workshops/conferences will provide training for parents to work with their child. Understanding of local, state and national education requirements may also be addressed. Title I workshops may be presented on varied educational topics. These workshops will be made available to all parents of Title I students and any parent whose child participates in federal programs such as Head Start or Reading First at no cost to the parents. Technical assistance will be provided to Title I teachers through the Technology Department to plan and implement effective parent involvement activities. Title I funds may be used to pay for any reasonable and necessary expenses associated with these activities.

- ❖ **November Parent/Teacher Conferences** Parent conferences are held during school and after-school times. The student's academic progress is reviewed with the parent and methods to encourage improvement are discussed. At times materials may also be presented to support these methods.
- ❖ **Student Recognition Program** This event recognizes student participation in the Title I program. Title I may provide, for all Title I families, a culminating social/educational activity to recognize the participation of both students and parents in the Title I program through the course of the year.
- ❖ **Other Communications** Other sources of information will be made available to parents to keep them informed of school and Title I related programs and activities. Such sources are a monthly school newsletter, a Title I newsletter and a website for district, school and Title I information. Title I teachers will be available for parent conferences, other than the one scheduled by the district, as the need arises. Title I staff members will hold information sessions for Title I parents to discuss and explain local academic assessments, State academic content standards, and student achievement standards. Parents will also receive information on monitoring their children's progress. These items will also be available via the Title I website.
- ❖ **Website Links** These website links will assist parents in accessing information. The links will be available through the Title I website and access informational websites such as the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the core reading series, and additional educational activity sites.