

Turner County Elementary School
2014-2015 Title I School Parental Involvement Policy
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Turner County Elementary School is committed to the goal of providing quality education for all of its students. In order to reach this goal, we believe partnerships should be established with the home and community. We recognize the importance of, as well as the legal requirements for, implementing activities and procedures for the involvement of parents and the community. This involvement shall include, but not be limited to, input into the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of the parental involvement policy and continuous school improvement plans. It shall be the intent of all parental involvement activities to encourage and support the efforts of the home, school, and community in improving the educational opportunities of all children. The goal is to establish partnerships that will help all students at Turner County Elementary School succeed. Activities held periodically during the school year may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. The Turner County Elementary Title I Parent Involvement Policy will be developed jointly with, and distributed to parents of participating Title I students. The written plan will describe Parent Involvement Policy components as outlined in section 1118 (b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) in clear and concise language that parents can understand. The written policy shall include provisions for periodic updating to reflect the changing needs of parents and the school, and it will be made readily available to the community. The written policy will be developed, reviewed, and approved through the Parent Involvement Council and distributed at the Title I Annual Meeting and Title I Parent Involvement meetings.
2. Turner County Elementary School will convene an annual meeting. All parents shall be invited through the school newsletter, the school and district websites, emails, Facebook, Twitter, parent letters, community flyers, the automated message system, and/or newspaper announcements encouraging all parents to attend. The meeting will inform parents of their school's participation under Title I, explain Title I and its requirements, and the parents' right to be involved.
3. Parent meetings will be offered throughout the school year. Meetings will be held at flexible times and in various places so that all parents will have an opportunity to attend. Transportation, child care, and home visits will be provided as needed in order to eliminate parent involvement barriers. Meetings will be held at different venues throughout the year (e.g. Turner County Elementary School, Turner County Board of Education, Turner County Civic Center, Turner County Connection Resource Room, as well as at the school).

4. Turner County Elementary School will involve parents, guardians, and community members, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, including the school parental involvement policy and the joint development of the school wide program plan according to section 1114(b) guidelines of ESEA. Parents will be involved (i.e., surveys, Parent Involvement meetings, Annual Meeting, and Open Houses) in the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation including all phases of the:
 - a. Needs assessment
 - b. Determination of program goals and objectives
 - c. Determination of educational strategies
 - d. Implementation of projects
 - e. Development of program applications, and
 - f. Program evaluations

5. Turner County Elementary School will provide parents of participating students timely information concerning:
 - a. Title I programs in the school: This will be done in the spring at the annual meeting, the first Open House, and with articles in the local newspaper, *The Wiregrass Farmer*.
 - b. Results of the annual school review including school performance profiles: This will be done in the spring at the annual meeting and with articles in the local newspaper.
 - c. Individual student assessment results and interpretation of those results: State brochures will be sent home with assessment results and how to interpret them. Individual conferences with parents will be available upon request.
 - d. A description and explanation of the school curriculum: The Student Handbook, distributed to all parents, will have this information.
 - e. The assessments used to measure student progress and the proficiency levels the students are expected to meet: The Student Handbook will have this information.
 - f. Opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions, share experiences with other parents and participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children: Community focus group meetings will be held

throughout the year and parents will have the opportunity to be involved in the Parental Involvement Council.

- g. Timely responses to parent suggestions: Responses will be forwarded to the Parental Involvement Council for consideration and/or implementation.
 - h. Collection of unsatisfactory parent comments: All unsatisfactory parent comments regarding the school wide plan gathered at public meetings and from surveys will be forwarded to the Parental Involvement Council and will be attached to the school wide plan and submitted to the LEA.
6. Turner County Elementary School will provide assistance to parents in understanding the following:
- a. National Education Goals
 - b. State content standards and student performance standards
 - c. School Improvement services and support for Priority, Focus, Alert, and Reward schools
 - d. College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI)
 - e. Components of the Turner County Elementary School's School Wide Program
 - f. State of Georgia assessments and Turner County School System local assessments including alternate assessments such as the Georgia Alternate Assessment.
 - g. Requirements of Title I, Part A
 - h. Ways parents can monitor their children's progress and work with educators to improve the performance of their children
 - i. Ways parents can participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.

Workshops, meetings, and Open Houses at the school are planned to assist in understanding the above areas. An English/Spanish copy of the Parent Involvement Activities Newsletter will be distributed monthly, as well as be posted on the school webpage in English and Spanish. Phone calls, conferences, and home visits, as needed, will be utilized. Turner County Elementary School will encourage parents to call their children's teachers when they are concerned about a problem. Teacher-Parent Conference days are planned during the year, and teachers are also encouraged to make parent contacts. All parents are invited to become involved with the system wide Turner County Parent Involvement District School Improvement Team.

7. Turner County Elementary School will provide parents with materials and training as needed in literacy and related areas, such as technology, mathematics, and science to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement.

Workshops will be offered and information will be distributed through the Parental Involvement Activities monthly newsletter, as well as in the local newspaper and on the school's web page (<http://tces.turner.k12.ga.us>). Throughout the year grade levels will host Parent Involvement meetings to highlight current curricula issues or school improvement processes that affect students and their families.

8. Turner County Elementary School will educate teachers, student support personnel, principals and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners. Turner County Elementary School will implement and coordinate parental involvement programs, and build ties between home and school. The education of these individuals will be through administrative and leadership team meetings, faculty meetings, and staff development sessions utilizing PD 360 and specialized training on "Communicating with Parents."
9. Turner County Elementary School will coordinate and integrate, to the extent feasible and appropriate, parental involvement strategies under Title I, Part A with Turner County Head Start, Turner County Pre-K, Smart Start 4 Tots, Turner County Family Connection, Turner County School Based Health Clinics, and the 21st Century After School Program. The Title I Parental Involvement Program will communicate directly and indirectly with these agencies through newsletters, phone conversations, emails, Facebook, and the Parental Involvement Council.
10. Turner County Elementary School will develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parental involvement activities. This will include providing information about opportunities for organizations and businesses to work with parents and schools, and encouraging the formation of partnerships between Turner County Elementary and local businesses that include a role for parents. This will be achieved through the establishment of Partners in Education (i.e., Turner County Health Department, Victoria Evans Memorial Library, Department of Family and Children Services, and Tift Regional Hospital, and various local businesses) under the coordination of the Parent Involvement Coordinator and school principal.
11. The Turner County School System will provide a Parent Resource Center at the elementary school site. A variety of parental educational opportunities will be provided for all parents in the school system to learn about child development, age-appropriate child rearing issues, and other areas designed to help parents become full partners in the education of their children. The Title I Parent Involvement Coordinator and the Parental Involvement Council will supervise and coordinate services. The Parent Involvement Resource Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Computer access to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and the Georgia Parental Information and Resource Center (www.georgiapirc.net) are available in the Parent Resource Center.

12. Turner County Elementary School will ensure, to the extent possible, that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the homes of participating children in an understandable and uniform format and in a language the parents can understand. Turner County will utilize a Spanish teacher to translate documents for Spanish-speaking parents. English classes for Spanish speaking parents will be held at some Parent Involvement meetings. The school, if necessary, will utilize the TransAct program provided by the Georgia Department of Education to translate documents for parents of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) into the language used in the home.
13. Turner County Elementary will involve parents in an ongoing and end of the year assessment to evaluate the effectiveness of the parent involvement initiatives as a measure of performance evaluations of the school. Parents will complete Parent Involvement evaluations after each Parent Involvement meeting and the end-of-the-year Title I Parent Involvement Survey.
14. Turner County Elementary School, to the extent practical and feasible, will provide parental involvement opportunities for the parents of LEP students, parents of migratory children, and parents of Students with Disabilities. The school will provide a school profile and information related to school and parent programs and meetings in an understandable and uniform format and in a language the parent can understand. A Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Region 2 Migrant Education Agency will assist with the needs of migrant parents; English classes for LEP parents will be provided through Parent Involvement meetings; and meetings designed to meet the needs of parents of Students with Disabilities will be scheduled.
15. Turner County Elementary will provide to the extent possible other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. Parents shall also be involved in the decisions regarding how funds reserved are allotted for parental involvement activities. Parent comments on the annual Title I Parent Involvement survey will be carefully considered and implemented when practicable and feasible to do so.
16. Turner County Elementary will involve parents in the joint development of the Student-Parent-School Compact that outlines how parents will be responsible for supporting student learning. Parent input will be sought at the Title I Annual Meeting. The Parent Involvement Council will review and approve parental suggestions.

17. Turner County Elementary will describe its responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children served under Title I to meet Georgia's student performance goals in the development of the Student-Parent-School Compact. This will be done through the Annual Meeting and the Parent Involvement Planning Council.

18. Turner County Elementary will explain in the Student-Parent-School Compact ways in which parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning through such activities as: monitoring attendance, homework completion, and watching television; volunteering in the school or child's classroom; participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children; and the positive use of extra-curricular time.

19. Turner County Elementary will address the importance of communication between teachers and parents in an ongoing basis through:
 - a. An annual Parent-Teacher conference focused on discussing the Home-School Compact as it relates to the Title I student's achievement
 - b. Frequent reports to parents on their child's progress
 - c. Reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities.

Comments: _____

Signature of School Principal

Date

Signature of LEA Coordinator
