

Joan Martin Elementary School Title I Parent Involvement Policy

Joan Martin Elementary School intends to follow the parental policy guidelines as outline in the NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT of 2001. In accordance with the requirements of the policy, the Title I program at Joan Martin Elementary School will:

- Convene an annual meeting for parents about the Title I program
- Explain the requirements and the rights of parents to be involved
- Offer a flexible schedule for meetings
- Involve the parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way to improve the Title I program. Parents are involved in handbook meetings each year. Parental issues are their main focus. Handbook committees also include parent representation. A spring meeting will take place to review LEA Parental Involvement Policy. Our annual SIP review and revise process with AdvancED/NCA addresses parental involvement and there are parents serving on these committees.
- Parents have the right to request meetings regarding their children's education
- Provide the parents of Title I students with;
 - Timely information about the program
 - A description and explanation of the curriculum and instructional models used
 - All descriptions are located on our website- <http://hobart.schoolwires.com/domain/24>
 - The types of academic assessments that will be used to measure student progress
 - A few of the ways we measure student progress:
 - NWEA
 - SRI
 - Running records (See Grade Level Expectations form)
 - Leveled Literacy Intervention
 - Formative Rubrics and Assessments
 - The proficiency levels that students are expected to meet through participation in the program
 - Materials and training on how parents can help improve their child's achievement- Building Readers monthly newsletters, Joan Martin Elementary School Newsletter, standards based report cards, parental book studies, parent meetings, Parents as Teachers focused playgroups and correspondence, parental technology meetings, parental drug free meetings, BE THERE campaign, Quaglia parent materials, etc.
 - Ensure, to the extent possible, that the information is sent home in a language and format that parents can understand
- Include a Home-School Compact which is a written agreement of what the school, parents, and students are each supposed to do to achieve academic success(see back)
- Provide any other reasonable support for parental involvement at parent's request, including conferences
- Collect and submit any comments, including parents' dissatisfaction with the Title I program with the Title I application for Grant to the Division of Compensatory Education.

Joan Martin Elementary School will build the schools' and parents' capacities for strong parental involvement in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and will support partnerships among the schools involved, parents, and the community. The purpose will be to assist in the improvement of student academic achievement through the following activities specifically described below. The school will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described below:

- the State's academic content standards
- the State's student academic achievement standards and Common Core Standards
- the State and local academic assessments, including alternate assessments
- the requirements of Title I Part A
- how to monitor their child's progress- Harmony
- how to work with educators

Below are some ways that Joan Martin Elementary School works to involve parents in the academic success of their child:

- Parental participation RTI plans and reviews
- Harmony system informing parents of student academic progress, curricular expectations and proficiencies, progress reports and standards-based report cards
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Parent Resource
- Website resources
- Invitation to parents to work as tutors
- District participation in Parents as Teachers
- District-wide breakfast program
- District-wide summer feeding program
- Grade level specific summer reading book lists
- Building Readers newsletter for Joan Martin Elementary School
- Student Council