

Mokena School District 159

Title I Parent Involvement Policy

General Expectations

Mokena School District 159 values parents and community connectedness. Education succeeds best when there is a strong partnership and communication between home and schools. The district will implement programs, activities, and procedures for the education and involvement of parents of participating Title I students.

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student's academic learning and other school activities, including insuring:

- ✓ That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- ✓ That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- ✓ That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child

Mokena School District will take the following actions to distribute to parents of participating children and the local community the Parental Involvement Policy:

- ✓ The Parent Involvement policy will be distributed to parents at Title I parent meetings and Back-to-School Nights
- ✓ The policy will be posted on Mokena School District's web page

Mokena School District will organize an annual meeting to inform parents of the following:

- ✓ The requirements for Title I
- ✓ Provide parents an opportunity to establish a system for maintaining ongoing communication among parents, teachers and school officials
- ✓ Inform parents of their rights to consult in the design and implementation of Title I projects
- ✓ Inform parents of the Parental Involvement requirements
- ✓ Meetings will be held at various and convenient times to encourage parents to attend

Mokena School district will provide information about Title I programs to parents of participating students in a timely manner through:

- ✓ Title I School - Parent Compact
- ✓ Connect Ed messages
- ✓ Parent memos
- ✓ School and District newsletters
- ✓ Mokena School District web page

**Mokena School District 159 will implement
the following parental involvement components:**

Mokena School District will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership between the school, parents and the community to improve student's academic achievement through the following activities:

- ✓ Family Reading Nights
- ✓ Parent Reading Nights
- ✓ Back-to-School Nights / Open Houses
- ✓ Parental access to the Teacher/Parent resources and other resources such as web sites

Mokena School District will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school in understanding topics such as the following:

- ✓ The State's academic content standards
- ✓ The State's student academic achievement standards
- ✓ The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
- ✓ The requirements of Title I
- ✓ How to monitor their child's progress
- ✓ How to work with educators

As appropriate, Mokena School District will provide materials and training such as literacy and using technology to help parents work with their children to improve their child's academic achievement and to foster parental involvement, by:

- ✓ Holding regular Title I meetings
- ✓ Family Reading Nights
- ✓ Back-to-School Nights / Open Houses
- ✓ Encouraging parental participation

Mokena School District will take the appropriate actions necessary to ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children:

- ✓ In an understandable and uniform format
- ✓ In a language the parents can understand

Mokena School District will form partnerships in parental involvement activities with community-based organizations such as:

- ✓ Mokena PTA
- ✓ Mokena Educational Foundation
- ✓ Village of Mokena
- ✓ Mokena Public Library