

## **James D. Adams Middle School Title I Parent Involvement Policy**

James D. Adams Middle School has developed a written Title I parental involvement policy with input from Title I parents. It has distributed the policy to parents of Title I students during Open Houses and the policy is made available in the front office. The policy describes the means for carrying out the following Title I Parent involvement requirements.

### Involvement of Parents in the Title I Program

To involve parents in the Title I program at AMS, the following practices have been established:

The school convenes an annual meeting to inform parents of Title I students about Title I requirements and about the right of parents to be involved in the Title I program. This occurs at the first Open House of the year usually after the first grading period.

The school offers a flexible number of meetings for Title I parents, such as meetings in the morning or evening. These meetings occur at subsequent Open House meetings.

The school involves parents of Title I students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I programs and the Title I parental involvement policy. Parents are informed of a SBDM Council meeting where the information will be discussed.

The school provides parents of Title I students with timely information about Title I programs. A brochure is created with information regarding Title I.

The school provides parents of Title I students with an explanation of the curriculum used at the school, the assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. The information is discussed and adopted by the SBDM Council during the July meeting. In addition, the Master Schedule is adopted.

If requested by parents of Title I students, the school provides opportunities for regular meetings that allow the parents to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.

### School-Parent Compact

Adams Middle School distributes to parents of Title I students a school-parent compact. The compact, which has been jointly developed with parents, outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It describes specific ways the school and families will partner to help children achieve the State's high academic standards.

It addresses the following legally required items, as well as other items suggested by parents of Title I students.

1. The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction
2. The ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning
3. The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers through, at a minimum, annual parent-teacher conferences; frequent reports on student progress; access to staff; opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class; and opportunities to observe classroom activities

### Building Capacity for Involvement

Adams Middle School engages Title I parents in meaningful interactions with the school. It supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school has established the following practices.

The school provides Title I parents with assistance in understanding the State's academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children during Open House meetings, the annual SBDM Council Data disaggregation meeting, and by request of the parent.

The school provides Title I parents with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement. Progress reports are provided as well as computer software and any reasonable requests for information by the parents.

With the assistance of Title I parents, the school educates staff members about the value of parent contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners.

The school coordinates and integrates the Title I parental involvement program with other programs, and conducts other activities, such as parent resource centers, to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. This is achieved primarily through the assistance of the Youth Services Center and director.

The school distributes Information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to Title I parents in a format and language that the parents understand. If necessary, information will be printed in a family's native language or an interpreter may be used.

The school provides support for parental involvement activities requested by Title I parents.

### Accessibility

Adams Middle School provides opportunities for the participation of all Title I parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. Information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parents understand.