

MIDWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Title I Parent Involvement Policy

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Midway Elementary School believes that the school belongs to the people who create them by consent and taxation and are only as strong as the informed and knowledgeable support of Baldwin citizens and the staff of the school. This support is based upon their knowledge and understanding of and participation in the development of goals and objectives of public schools, the district and school level parental involvement policy.

We, therefore, affirm and assure the right of parents of children participating in activities funded by Title I to opportunities including, but not limited to, planning committees, community meetings, parent workshops, surveys and questionnaires, to collaboratively participate in:

- **Title I Plans:** The design and implementation and evaluation of the Baldwin County School System Title I Plan including parental involvement activities as stipulated under sections 1112 and 116 of the ESEA, No Child Left Behind Act;
- **Parental Involvement Policy:** The development and revision of parental involvement policy at the district and school level to insure the implementation of activities that are beneficial to all parents as stipulated under section 1112 of NCLB Act.

Midway Elementary insures that the expectations of parents set at the school are clearly established and distributed to parents of participating students when they are enrolled in Title I funded activities. The Baldwin County Schools Title I office assists in coordination of and provides technical assistance to Eagle Ridge Elementary as needed to ensure the effective planning and implementation of parental involvement activities. The assistance will be provided by the Baldwin County Title I coordinator, other Baldwin County staff members and other appropriate support personnel.

Since Title I focuses on building a greater capacity for parental involvement, Eagle Ridge Elementary will maintain the following principles that should build both school and parent capacity for parental involvement. These principles will be accomplished through training and instruction of both parents and educators. Provisions for such training and instruction for each of these principles may occur via school council meetings, parent workshops, brochures and other media or avenue of communication that is appropriate.

1. Midway Elementary School understands that we as educators bear the responsibility of helping parents understand federal and state policies and objectives concerning their children's education. The Baldwin County Title I office and the school parental involvement programs assist participating parents in acquiring an understanding of the following to the extent applicable or feasible:

- National Education Goals
 - State Title I content standards and student performance standards
 - School improvement and corrective action process
 - Components of a school wide Title I program
 - State and local assessments
 - Requirements for Title I, Part A
2. The District and School parent involvement programs to the extent feasible and applicable provide materials and training to assist parents in working with their children to improve student achievement.
 3. Midway Elementary educates teachers, administrators and other staff in the value and utility of the contributions of parents and in methods to better communicate and work with parents as equal partners.
 4. To the extent feasible and appropriate, Midway Elementary School collaboratively coordinates and integrates parent involvement with the state funded prekindergarten program, and the Head Start program.
 5. Additionally, to the extent feasible, appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement are collaboratively developed with Midway Elementary School Partners in Education program to provide opportunities for organizations and businesses to work with parents and schools.
 6. Because of the increasing numbers of international families within Baldwin County, the Title I Coordinator collaborates with the ESOL Program coordinator to ensure to the extent possible that parents and students who have limited English proficiency are provided information related to schools, parent programs, meeting and other activities in a language and form the parents understand.
 7. Midway Elementary School teachers and other educators who work directly with Title I students arrange in-home conferences where appropriate and feasible.
 8. Midway Elementary School will provide other reasonable, appropriate and feasible support for parental involvement activities if requested by parents.

The Parent Involvement policy of the Baldwin County School System and Midway Elementary School are evaluated annually as to the effectiveness in increasing parent participation and identifying barriers to parent participation such as low income, disabilities, limited literacy, language or other cultural consideration. The findings of the annual evaluation are used to design strategies for school improvement or to redesign the parent policies.