

**UPPER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND
TITLE 1 PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY**

WHAT IS TITLE 1?

Title 1 is a Federally funded program designed to provide a high-quality education that will enable all children to meet the State's student performance standards. Title 1 is a part of the "No Child Left Behind Act" (NCLB) passed by Congress in 2002 and provides supplemental instruction in Language Arts. This program uses proven methods and instructional strategies that are grounded in scientifically based research.

A school is selected as a Title 1 school on the basis of the number of students within its boundaries who are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals. However, students are selected to participate based on academic need.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Upper Township School District is dedicated to providing a quality education for every student in our District. To accomplish this objective, the District will develop and maintain partnerships with parents/caregivers, and community members. A positive link between home and school will create the best learning condition for every child. These open communication lines will expand and enhance learning opportunities for everyone involved.

All students will be expected to work toward mastering the Common Core State Standards and Language Arts skills developed for their grade level. Upper Township School District recognizes that some students will need extra assistance to achieve their full academic potential. The extra assistance is available through the Title I program and various other educational services offered through the District.

Upper Township School District intends to include parents in all aspects of the Title 1 program. Students will be given every opportunity for success through the development and enhancement of the home/school partnership. A Title 1 program is offered at the Upper Township Primary School.

PROGRAMS Language Arts: Leveled Literacy Instruction (LLI); Just Words Program; Wilson Program; Guided Reading Instruction; Writer's workshop – Assessments: AIMSWEB; Standards-Based Benchmarks; F&P Reading Levels & NJASK/PARCC.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Parents, members of the community, and school staff continually articulate through email, meetings, and phone calls. Parents are encouraged to volunteer their time to assist in their child's classroom during the English Language Arts time frame. Parents also assist with follow-up activities that are done at home.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Upper Township School District provides numerous opportunities for parental involvement as it strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students.

- Parents may contribute through volunteer programs
- Parents may contribute by creating a supportive home environment
- Parents are invited to participate in annual parent-teacher conferences
- Parents may participate by attending school meetings and student programs

- Parents are invited to eat lunch with their children
- Parents are encouraged to become involved with PTO
 - Parents are given an array of information in regards to Title I at various evening programs and events

STAFF AND PARENT COMMUNICATION

Throughout the school year, families will be informed of school activities through various avenues of communication. Parents will then have multiple opportunities to consult in the design, development and implementation of the Title 1 program.

Newsletters, teacher notes, web postings, global connect messages, push notifications, school marquees, conferences, emails, phone calls and written notices will be used to establish and maintain open lines of communication with parents/caregivers.

NCLB TITLE 1 PROGRAM COMMUNICATION

- Website continually updated with relevant information
- Progress reports and assessment results communicated on a regular basis
- Annual Title 1 Program Information Meeting
- Annual parent conferences
- Meetings with Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction upon request

EVALUATION

Parent surveys, including questions about the effectiveness of the program, will be distributed and the results tabulated at the end of the school year. Teacher surveys and teacher contact records will be used to determine the number and types of interaction between school and parents. The NCLB Title 1 Program Committee will revise the Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy based on the results of this annual review.

PARENT NOTIFICATION OF TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Parents of students attending Title 1 Schools have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher who instructs their child. The Upper Township School District and NCLB Act recognize that all children can achieve the same high standards and must be provided the education they need to actualize their individual potentials. NCLB gives parents new opportunities to make sure their child receives the very best education possible.

The NCLB Act also requires the school district to provide parents with the following information in a timely manner, upon request:

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subject he/she teaches
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status due to special circumstances
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the field of discipline certification or degree
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Academic Achievement Officer. 2

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