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PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

MIAMI R-1 TITLE I PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Parental involvement is important for the academic, social, and emotional growth of each student in the Miami R-I School District. As educators and professionals, it is our duty to sustain and encourage the participation of parents within our community. When students have parents who have a vested interest in our school, they too will participate and become stronger students overall. Miami R-I Elementary will build parents' capacity by meeting the following requirements:

1. Strategies for Communication

- At the annual Open House meeting, parents will be informed of their school's participation in Title I, Title I requirements, and their right to be involved.
- Meetings will be offered at various times during the school year which may include, but not be limited to:
 - *Literacy Events*
 - Title I Committee Meetings*
- Parents will be invited and encouraged to participate in the Title I Committee Meetings held throughout the school year. They will be involved with: planning, reviewing, and improving the programs under Title I, including the school *Parental Involvement Policy* and the development of *the School-Wide Plan*.
- The Miami R-I Title I Program will provide parents with:
 - Timely information about Title I programs and activities*
 - An interpretation of the school's annual performance report and their child's individual assessment results*
 - A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school*
 - The forms of assessment used to measure student progress and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet*
- Parents will be invited to the Title I Committee Meetings held throughout the year so they may:
 - Formulate suggestions for the program*
 - Share experiences with other parents*
 - Participate, when appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child*
- Parent suggestions will have timely responses and will be taken into consideration so as to develop the best Title I program possible.
- Comments from parents of participating children who find any aspect of the schoolwide plan unsatisfactory when it is submitted to the LEA will be kept on file.

2. Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

The Miami R-I School District has developed a school-parent Learning Compact. This

compact was developed by committee members made up of the Title I Teacher, School Administration, Classroom Teachers, and parents. This compact outlines how parents, the entire teaching staff, and students will share the responsibility for improving student achievement and describe how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state standards. The compact describes the following roles and responsibilities:

Teachers will do their best to:

- Create a safe and positive learning environment to promote academic knowledge and build self-esteem in the classroom
- Encourage good citizenship by showing they care about and respect all students and appreciate individual differences
- Provide an environment that promotes active learning
- Continue efforts to develop professionally
- Communicate and work with families to support students' learning

Parents/Guardians will do their best to:

- Help their child attend school regularly, on time, and appropriately dressed
- Ensure their child eats a healthy breakfast
- Provide necessary school supplies for their child
- Review work completed in school
- Talk with their child each day about school activities and homework assignments
- Encourage their child to set goals
- Support school rules
- Communicate with teachers and attend conferences

Students will do their best to:

- Attend school regularly, on time, and appropriately dressed
- Arrive to class prepared and with needed supplies
- Be responsible for their actions
- Complete class and homework assignments
- Ask questions when they don't understand something
- Listen and follow directions

3. Building Capacity for Involvement

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership with the Title I school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Miami R-1 will:

•Provide assistance to participating parents with such topics as: understanding state standards, the MAP test and local assessments, understanding how to monitor a child's progress and knowing how to work with teachers to improve the performance of their child.

Activities/Strategies

- Open House
- Provide information about MAP test and how to help prepare their child
- Parent-Teacher conferences
- Provide parents the Miami R-1 Learning Compact

•Provide parents with the training and materials necessary to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate to foster parental involvement

Activities/Strategies

- Information on accessing STI
- Encourage parents to participate in their child's conferences throughout the school year
- Provide links to literacy training and materials via Title I page of school website

•Educate school personnel in valuing parent contributions; communicating and working with parents as equal partners, implementing and coordinating parent programs, and building ties between home and school

Activities/Strategies

- Discuss with teachers the Miami R-1 Learning Compact

•Coordinate and integrate the Title I parent involvement program activities with other existing parent involvement programs

Activities/Strategies

- Perform Kindergarten Screenings

•Ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of Title I children in a format and language they can understand. Information includes:

- Access to the district's annual performance report
- Parent's Right to Know
- Grievance Procedures
- School Learning Compact
- Letters and flyers in a timely fashion, which notify parents of Title I meetings and workshops
- End of the year evaluation surveys to parents
- Year-end Title I program evaluation results to parents

The Miami R-1 School District understands the importance of parent involvement. We are committed to our students and parents and want to encourage them to be committed as well. A number of plans have been developed and enacted which promote parent participation. Ongoing ideas and plans will be developed to further encourage participation from our parents.

MEDIA

Several times throughout the year students' information such as name, grade, etc. and photos/videos are taken to show case the great things happening at Miami Elementary. If you would like your child to NOT be included in any of the following: honor roll/yearbook pictures, media pictures (such as local newspaper photos), photos used in student or parent newsletters, our school website, our school Facebook page, any private teacher/parent/student Facebook pages your child's teachers may maintain, or any other publications or presentations highlighting our students, please submit a letter to the office stating your preference for your child to NOT participate.