

W. D Robbins Elementary School

Title I Parent Involvement Plan

During the first quarter of school, W.D. Robbins Elementary School will hold its annual meeting for all parents of participating children in the Title I Schoolwide Program. Parents are notified of the meeting through (1) notices sent home by students, (2) school messenger and (3) school website. To assist in providing the opportunity for all parents to attend, the meeting is offered at two separate times----- once during the school day and once in the evening. Topics to be discussed at this year's meeting are:

Title I Meeting

- *What is Title I and its services*
- *Parents' Right-To-Know*
- *School-Parent Compact*
- *Title I Parenting Funds*
- *Parent Survey*
- * *The Schoolwide Plan*
- * *Parent Center*
- * *Parental Involvement*
- * *How can I become involved*
- * *Explanation of school's curriculum/ state content standards*

The administration and staff of W.D. Robbins Elementary School have a strong belief in the importance of parental involvement; therefore, we have scheduled other parent meetings, workshops, conferences and GED classes for our participating Title I parents. These sessions will be offered at flexible times during the course of the day. Parent resources and information is available in the Parent Resource Room. Topics to be discussed at grade level meetings:

- *Grade level expectations*
- *Reading Program*
- *Attendance Policy*
- *Extracurricular Activities*
- *How to schedule a parent meeting*
- * *School and classroom rules*
- * *Discipline Policy*
- * *Writing Program*
- * *Homework Policy*

At the above sessions parents will be trained in understanding the State's academic content and student academic achievement standards, state and local academic assessments, and how to monitor their child's progress and work with teachers to improve the achievement of their children.

Parents will be given a copy of the Parent Handbook, which includes more detailed information on these topics and a copy of the parental involvement plan. Parents are welcome to observe in their child's classroom at anytime, but parents will not be able to stop instruction to hold a conference with the teacher during instructional time. Conferences are to be held at the teacher's planning time.

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among Robbins School parents and the community, in order to improve student academic achievement, parents will be provided the opportunity for enrichment and training through:

- *Open House*
- *Reading Night*
- *AMSTI Night*
- *GED Classes*
- * *Family Night*
- * *Statewide Parenting Day*
- * *Parent University*
- * *Volunteering*

Parents will be provided the opportunity to meet with their child teacher after each of the above meetings with the exception of GED classes.

All Robbins' Title I parents will be given the newly revised school-parent compact upon registration. The compact will be explained to parents, and they will be asked to sign the compact signifying their commitment to work in partnership with the school and their child to ensure that their child will be successful in school. The compact will be discussed with teachers at faculty meetings. Each teacher will be given the responsibility of explaining it to students and obtaining the students' signatures. The compacts will be housed in the teacher resource box in their classroom.

A parent resource center is available to support and encourage parents in participating in the education of their children. The parent center will be open each school day from 8:00 a. m. – 2:00 p.m. for parents to pick up materials and information, meetings, workshops and conferences. A Parent Consultant is available to assist in meeting the needs of parents each school day.

The administration and staff of Robbins Elementary School believes in the importance of parental involvement and the positive effects it has upon children. The following information will be provided to parents in a timely manner to inform them of their child's progress as well as school activities:

- Daily/ weekly or bi-weekly progress reports*
- Quarterly progress reports*
- Timely responses to parents' concerns/suggestions*
- Monthly parent newsletters*
- Local/district Parental Involvement policy*
- Provide opportunity for parent conferences*

Various Parenting classes throughout the year will be offered such as but not limited to the importance of reading with your child, everyday math, and parenting tips, etc.

A Parent Advisory Board will be established, consisting of three or more parents of Title I students. This committee will review and provide input to the school's Parental Involvement Policy, Parent Compacts and other school/parent related activities.

The faculty and staff, value the contributions and opinion of our parents; therefore, every effort will be made to communicate and work with our parents as equal partners. Parents will coordinate parent programs, in an effort to build ties between parents and the school. The faculty and staff will continue to work together through in-services, faculty meetings, and grade-level meetings in understanding the importance of parental involvement.

All staff members are expected to welcome parents to the school, when appropriate, and to work with our facilitator, parent consultant and principal in meeting parent's needs for their children.

Robbins will ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parent can understand.

Robbins will support parental involvement activities and make every effort to work with parents in meeting their request as it relates to their involvement in their children's education.

Robbins School, to the extent practicable, provides opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency and parents with disabilities. Robbins is a handicapped-accessible building.

Robbins Elementary School will assist parents in the understanding and implementation of the NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLBH) act of 2001.

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