

**Van Buren Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy
2018-2019
Cedar Rapids Community School District**

It is the policy of Van Buren School that parents of participating children shall have the opportunity to be involved jointly in the development of our school wide plan and in the review process for the purpose of school improvement. Recognizing that parental involvement is a key to academic achievement, we seek to involve parent in an effective home-school partnership that will provide the best possible education for our students. The school provides coordination, technical assistance, and other supports necessary to aid in the planning and implementation of parent involvement activity. We encourage parent involvement and support this partnership through providing information about standards and assessments; providing training and materials for parents to help their children; educating school personnel about involving parents and the value of parent contributions; and developing partnerships for community organizations and businesses to work with parents and schools.

1. This jointly developed and agreed upon Title Schoolwide parent policy is available to all parents in print and on our school website. Information from this policy is shared with families each fall.
2. Parents receive an explanation about the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, student learning expectations, district curriculum and expected proficiency through parent meetings, student conferences, and newsletters.
3. Parent feedback is received through the Title 1 parent advisory committee, parent surveys, and regular communication with staff. This feedback is valued and critical for the continuous improvement of our program.
4. A jointly developed school/parent compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, students, and the principal share responsibility for improved student achievement. The compact also describes the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children maximize their achievement. It is reviewed and signed at fall conferences. These documents are kept with the student files.
5. The Title 1 program provides opportunities for parents to become partners with the school in promoting the education of their children both at home and at school. Parents are given help monitoring their student's progress, and provided assistance in how to participate in decisions related to their student's education. Regular communication in addition to conferences is encouraged. The school provides family learning nights which help educate parents about the best ways to work with children at home.

6. An annual evaluation of this Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy shall be conducted to determine its effectiveness. Findings will be used to design strategies for school improvement and revision of policies. The annual meetings will serve as the site for program adjustments.

Providing all Van Buren children with equal access to quality education is of primary purpose. It is crucial that all partners (students, parents, educators) have the opportunity to provide input and offer resources to meet this purpose. As these partnerships are mutually beneficial, developing cooperative efforts will ensure improved academic achievement for all students.