

**SILVER LAKE SCHOOLS**  
**TITLE I**  
**PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY**

P.L... 103-382 affirms the principle that parental involvement is a vital part of the Title I program.

At the district level, it is the policy of Silver Lake Schools that parents of all participating children shall be given the opportunity to be involved in the joint development of the district plan and in the district's review process for the purpose of school improvement. The district shall provide coordination, technical assistance and other necessary support in the planning and implementation of parent involvement activities. The district shall encourage parent involvement and support the partnership between home/school/community by providing understandable information about standards and assessments; providing training and materials for parents to help their children and to involve other parents; educating school personnel about involving parents and the value of parent contributions; and developing meaningful roles for community organizations and businesses to work with parents and schools. An annual evaluation for this parental involvement policy will be conducted to determine the effectiveness of this policy, the barriers of this policy for increasing parent involvement, and any necessary revisions of this policy.

It is the policy of Silver Lake Public Schools that:

1. This jointly developed, written policy and time line of the school year's parent involvement activities shall be distributed each fall to parent participating Title I children. Parents who are unable to attend the meeting shall have their copies mailed to them. Parents of newly selected students shall receive their copy at the time of enrollment into the program.
2. An annual meeting shall be held, which is extended to all parents of participating children, both public and private. Additional meetings with flexible meeting times shall be held throughout the year as determined by parent interest and suggestions. Parents shall be notified of meetings through written invitation from the Title I teacher as well as notification in the school newsletter.
3. Parents shall be given assistance in understanding the requirements of the Title I Law, at the annual meeting, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and by given the opportunity to attend the annual Parent Involvement Conference.
4. Parents shall be informed of the reasons for their children's participation, the curriculum, and the instructional objectives and the methods of the program at the annual fall meeting, Parent-Teacher Conferences, written progress reports, and personal telephone calls/conferences. Parents shall be involved in the development of individual student programs at annual meetings, conferences and the end of the year progress review meeting.
5. Parents shall receive and explanation of the school's performance profile, expected proficiency levels for students, and their student's assessment results through school board meetings, the Rule 10 Report, individual conferences, school paper publications, Parent-Teacher Conferences, etc.
6. Parents shall receive timely responses to all parent recommendations through verbal and/or written responses. All information sent to parents shall be in the language used in the home. Full opportunities shall be provided for all parents to participate in Title I activities.
7. Parents and school personnel shall jointly develop a compact which describes the school's responsibility for providing high quality curriculum and instruction to enable students to meet local student performance standards and describes the parent's responsibilities in supporting their student's learning. This compact shall be discussed at parent-teacher conferences.
8. Student's progress shall be reported to parents at parent-teacher conferences as well as frequent contacts, which may include written notes, phone calls, and home visits.
9. Parents are encouraged to communicate with school personnel and Title I personnel shall be readily accessible to parents. Parents are welcome and encouraged to observe and participate in any Title I activities, which may include homework, field trips, classroom experiences, and Computer Assisted Instruction (CAI). Full opportunities shall be provided for all parents to participate in Title I activities.

10. The Title I program shall provide opportunities for parents to become partners with the school in promoting the education of their child at home and at school. Parents shall be given assistance in monitoring their student's progress. The school shall provide assistance to parents on how they can participate in decisions related to their student's education. The school shall provide reasonable support for parental involvement activities as requested by parents.
11. The school shall coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other programs. Notice of activities with other school programs shall be distributed through letters to parents, activity calendars, newsletters, etc.
12. Each spring the Title I program shall assess and review through consultation with parents, the effectiveness of the program and re-design strategies for school improvement. Opportunities will be given to parents to be involved in using these findings to plan, design, and implement the Title I program for the following year.

I understand all the rights and regulations explained above regarding the Title I program at Silver Lake Public Schools.

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***Parent(s) Signature***

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***Date***

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Dear Silver Lake Elementary Parents,

In April of 2009, Silver Lake Elementary will submit a plan to the Nebraska Department of Education for changing Silver Lake Elementary's Title I program from Target Assist to School-wide.

Under last years plan, Target Assistance, students were identified and could have participated in the Title program based on the fact that they were failing or most at risk of failing the State's Standards. Eligibility was based on multiple criteria.

Under the new School-wide Plan, students are not required to be identified to meet eligibility. The goal of the School-wide program is to assist the Title I students by improving the instructional program of the entire school. This means that the Title I teachers can now be used to help all students in the elementary. We will however, continue to test students, and those meeting the qualifying eligibility will be eligible to receive extra assistance individually or in a small group setting.

The Silver Lake Elementary Title I staff would like to invite you to attend our fall meeting. This meeting will take place during the Parent/Teacher Conferences on September 16, 2009. A time and meeting room will be determined in August. We will be discussing the proposed changes for the Title I program, the Parent Involvement Policy, the Parent Involvement Conference at Kearney, and the Student Compacts. It is not necessary for your child to be in the Title I School-wide program for you to attend. Please come and join us and learn more about our program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call either Mr. Arntt at 756-1311 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm or Mrs. Ewing between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:30 pm.

Thank You,

Duane Arntt – Elementary Principal

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