

Title I Parent Involvement Policy

Jimtown Elementary School

Jimtown Elementary School is committed to providing a quality education to every student. The school community understands the importance of developing a working relationship with parents. Everyone benefits if school and home work together to encourage high achievement by its students. The Jimtown Elementary staff recognizes that parental involvement is an important piece in a child's academic success. Parents are encouraged to assist in activities such as: holiday celebrations, the Scholastic Book Fair, family literacy and math experiences, volunteer tutoring programs, PTO meetings, musical performances, and PBIS celebrations/recognition assemblies.

In order to build an effective home-school partnership, Jimtown Elementary is committed to providing the following:

- Jimtown Elementary School will work jointly with parents to develop a Parental Involvement Policy and School-Parent Compact. These documents will be distributed to the parents of Title I students.
- The School-Parent Compact will be designed by parents and school personnel. It will outline the responsibilities of parents, of the school staff, and the student for improving learning.
- Jimtown Elementary will hold an annual Title I orientation meeting in August. At this meeting, parents can meet the Title I staff and learn about academic expectations. The orientation will also inform parents of the Title I requirements and guidelines along with their parental rights. Jimtown Elementary will offer a flexible number of orientation meetings. Each meeting will be held at a convenient time and location. A meeting will be held in the morning, the afternoon, and the evening so parents will have more than one option of meeting times to attend.
- Jimtown Elementary will provide a number of opportunities throughout the year to help parents understand the state and local achievement standards, grade level expectations, along with local assessment tools.
- Jimtown Elementary will provide parents with the opportunity to attend workshops. These training will focus on such areas as reading comprehension, vocabulary, and test-taking skills. Parents will be given materials and strategies for helping their student at home.
- Jimtown Elementary School will conduct an annual training for school personnel regarding the importance of parents in the educational process. The staff will be provided with strategies for building partnerships with parents. In addition, the staff will review the parental involvement pieces that are already in place and the role the classroom teacher plays in each of these activities.

- Jintown Elementary School will provide consistent and effective communication. Parents will be provided with information about school curriculum and student achievement through such means as newsletters, weekly progress reports, report cards, parent-teacher conferences, focus skill pamphlets, handouts, and mailings. All invitations will be sent in a timely manner with an additional follow-up reminder.
- Jintown Elementary will provide and maintain a collection of parent resources. Parents will be provided with information and materials to help support their student's learning. Books and materials will be available for parents to borrow.
- Jintown Elementary will conduct a survey of parents on an annual basis to collect opinions and concerns about the current program. The school will collect suggestions for improvement and topics of interest for future meetings.
- Jintown Elementary will hold a spring meeting where parents will be able to provide feedback on the policy/compact.
- Jintown Elementary will ensure, to the extent possible, that information will be sent home in a language and format that parents can understand.
- Jintown Elementary will ensure that parents will receive timely responses to all questions and suggestions.