

**POLICIES ON PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
TITLE 1**

Amherst Elementary School is committed to encouraging parental involvement in the Title I Program. To ensure this involvement Amherst elementary School has established a Title I Parent School Advisory Committee. The Parent Advisory Committee meets 2 to 3 times a year at Amherst Elementary School, and is composed of parents, teachers, building administrator, and reading specialist(s). The Title I Supervisor is invited to attend when possible. These members are involved in the planning (developing policy), implementing (sharing responsibility for student progress), and evaluation (building capacity for effective involvement) of the Amherst Elementary School Title I Program. Also, the council acts as a liaison between parents, citizens, and the Title I staff in promoting a better home-school relationship.

In addition, the following activities are provided for parental involvement in the Title I Program.

- ◆Amherst Elementary Parent Advisory committee meets 2 to 3 times a year. The committee is composed of parents, reading specialist(s), principal, teacher, and a community business partner.
- ◆Parents of each student selected to participate in the Title I Program are notified and an explanation of services through the program is provided.
- ◆An Educational Profile is written on each Title I student. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend a parent-teacher conference to discuss their child's Educational Profile.
- ◆A public meeting is held each year. All parents of Title I students are invited and given an opportunity to discuss the program and activities provided by Title I funds.
- ◆An open house and/or workshop are provided annually to aid parents in promoting the education of their children at home.
- ◆Literacy workshops are held within each individual school to provide parents with information and skills on how to help their children at home.
- ◆A parent center is set-up in each school for parents and students. Parents are invited to check out materials to use with their children at home.
- ◆Title I funds are used to purchase books to send home with students.
- ◆Title I parents are given the opportunity to evaluate the Title I program yearly and offer suggestions for improvement.
- ◆Amherst Elementary School writes a Title I Plan yearly. The Plan Committee consists of Title I parents, Title I teachers, classroom teachers, principal, business partners.
- ◆An overview of the current program is sent to parents of eligible children.(letters, reading educational profiles, parent contracts, etc)
- ◆Newsletters containing program information and suggestions for parents are sent home 4 times during the year. Information for the newsletter comes from the schools and Parent Advisory Committee members.
- ◆Throughout the year all parents are encouraged to visit their child's classroom, Title I Program, participate in parent/teacher conferences.
- ◆Title I students receive a Progress Report each nine weeks. Parents are asked to sign the report and return it to the school.
- ◆Parent Advisory members are encouraged and invited to attend conferences and workshops beyond those offered in the school.
- ◆Parent's are given a copy of the Parental Involvement Policy. The policy is explained at the yearly meeting and at the first Parent Advisory Committee Meeting.

Amherst Elementary School's Title I staff believes that support from home and community plays an important part in the achievement of children. Therefore, we strongly support the involvement of parent in education.