



DCBOE District Parent Involvement Plan  
2016-2017  
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Part: I: Description of How Decatur County School System Will Implement Required Districtwide Parental Involvement Policy Components

**1. The Decatur County School System will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its districtwide parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA:**

Employing a district level TITLE I Parent Involvement Coordinator who will:

- Conduct regular meetings with the District Parent Involvement Connection Team (DPICT)
- Provide guidance for the process of developing and reviewing of school-level policy and plan.
- Publicizing parental involvement plan meetings by public notice, District Website, School Messenger
- Annual TITLE I Meeting
- CLPT summer sessions

**2. The Decatur County School System will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:**

Publicize this process via multiple modes such as;

- Public notice
- School Messenger
- District Website
- Posting in community venues

**3. The Decatur County School System will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:**

- Assisting parent/guardians in understanding the State’s academic content standards and academic achievement standards and National Education Goals
- Assisting parent/guardians in understanding the requirements of Title I Part A
- Assisting parent/guardians in monitoring their child’s academic progress
- Assisting parent/guardians in understanding state and local assessments
- Assisting parent/guardians in knowing how to work with educators to improve achievement
- Providing opportunity for parents/guardians to request training on topics and specific workshop opportunities through to provide materials and training to implementing effective parent involvement programs.
- Working with school staff, with input of parents, in understanding the value of parental involvement and how to work with parents’ as partners by building ties to strengthen the capacity for student achievement.

**4. The Decatur County School System will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs:**

by:  
Partnering with the following facilities to disseminate notifications of parental involvement activities and workshop information through district newsletters

- Head Start
- Saving of Youth Program
- Family Connections
- Morningside
- Little Blessings
- Imagination Express Learning Center
- Kids World Academy II
- YMCA
- Local Faith Based Organizations
- Civic Groups: Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions
- Bainbridge Decatur County Chamber of Commerce

**5. The Decatur County School System will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.**

**Evaluation tools will include, but not limited to:**

- **Spring- Balanced Scorecard**
- **Summer- Administrative Survey**
- **Fall- Parent ( PI) Parent Involvement Surveys**
- **Ongoing- Opportunity for feedback, written; Websites; workshops & school events**

## Part II

### Description of How Decatur County School System Will Implement Required District wide Parental Involvement Policy Components

1. *The Decatur County School System will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:*

*A. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph --*

the State's academic content standards, - CCGPS  
the State's student academic achievement standards, - CCRPI  
the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments, - Local Benchmarks, GKIDS, Writing, GA Milestone Assessment System  
the requirements of TITLE I, Part A  
how to monitor their child's progress, - Progress Reports, Report Cards, Parent Conferences, Parent Portal  
how to work with educators

Topics:

CCGPS & CCRPI, Parent Portal training, literature, brochures, District Website, School Messenger, One-On-One topic information guidance with School PI Contacts or District Coordinator.

*B. The school district will, with the assistance of its schools, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by:*

Parent workshop sessions, take-home materials (books, tapes, videos, computer software, etc.) parent flyers, Decatur County Schools Attendance and Discipline Policies, Parent Resource Centers at district and local schools, websites, Student Handbooks, newspaper articles, PI On the Road Activities

*C. The school district will, with the assistance of its schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:*

Providing opportunities for School Social Workers and Homeless Parent Liaisons to make home visits, provide training for school personnel; and provide workshops about School-Parent Compact;

*D. The school district will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:*

Participating in partnership meetings, communicating regularly via email, telephone and meetings

*E. The school district will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent- programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:*

Providing newsletters, announcements, other school-related documents in the parents' native language by using translators, and Translation Library, providing interpreters for parent workshops and conferences, utilizing School Messenger, utilizing the Parent Involvement School Contacts and District PI Coordinator to communicate with parents, faith-based community, maintaining the District Website with School Links, and Translation Menu Preferences provided on District and School Websites

*F. Provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 as parents may request.*