

PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN

2009-2010 School Year

******This document was jointly developed with parents using input from the Title I Parent Survey and parent input gathered from the Title I Parent Committee Meeting in the Spring and Summer of 2009******

Part I. General Expectations

As a Title I school, Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary agrees to have programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents that are consistent with Title I, Part A Section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the CCPS Parent Involvement Rules.

Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School defines parent involvement as the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring-

- (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School accepts the Charles County Public Schools Parent Involvement Rules and has aligned its school-level Parent Involvement Plan accordingly.

Part II. Action Plan

Title I Requirements	What Activities/Actions/Initiatives will be done to meet the requirement?
<p>Shared Decision Making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Parent Involvement Plan is developed with input from parents</i> • <i>If the plan is not satisfactory to the parents, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local education agency.</i> • <i>This plan is distributed to all parents</i> • <i>Parents involved in the decisions regarding the spending of the parent involvement funds</i> • <i>Develop with parents a written School-Parent Compact supporting instruction that is signed by all parents and kept at schools.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Parents will be invited to participate in a parent committee during spring of each year to review each requirement of the Parent Involvement Plan and make suggestions for the upcoming school year. -A Title I Designed Parent survey will also be used to guide the development of the Plan -When the final version of this document is sent to parents it will be accompanied with a comment sheet that can be submitted to the school. -The Plan will be merged into a user-friendly one page format - Parents will receive a final version of this document during the Annual Title I meeting held at the Blue Crabs Stadium on October 2, 2009. For parents who do not attend, a copy will be sent home. -A copy will be kept at the Parent Resource Center. -Posted on school website - The Title I Parent Survey is given to all parents where they can give input by choosing programs and workshops they would like to see --Parents will also be invited to a Title I Parent Committee Meeting where there will be they are asked about ideas for federal funds. - Send flyers requesting volunteers early enough so that volunteers can participate in making specific decisions. -Parents will be invited to participate in a parent committee during spring of each year to develop a newly revised compact. This will be distributed and signed by parents at a variety of ways: -Parent orientations - August (for three-year-olds & Pre-K) September for K-5 - Monthly PTO Meetings - Display on Parent Resource Center - Open House September - Title I Family Night October 2nd

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<p>Annual Meeting <i>•Schools convene parent meetings at least annually to inform parents of the school’s role in implementing Title I, the parents’ rights, and ways the school will provide for parental involvement</i></p>	<p>All parents will be invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Title I Meeting at the Blue Crabs Stadium on October 2nd. Flyers, RSVP, Phone Announcements will be sent out from the beginning of the school year</p> <p>Additional school based parents meetings Sept/Oct to explain Title I and the grade level curriculum</p>
<p>Building Parental Capacity <i>1. Provide assistance to parents in understanding the State’s academic content standards and student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, and the requirements of Title I</i></p> <p><i>2. Provide materials and parent trainings/workshops to help parents improve their children’s academic achievement</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provide parents “a family guide” which explains curriculum and expectations -Annual Title I Meeting -Open House/curriculum Night - teachers explain curriculum per grade level -Flyers will be sent indicating when testing is administered -Distribute Maryland State Department of Education MSA Flyers -Distribute quarterly assessment data (reading/math) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Parent Institute Link is located on the school’s homepage -Parent Resource Center located near office for Information regarding parenting -Frog Publications Program -Read-at-Home Backpack Programs -Science Night and Assemblies -Book Swap -Breakfast & Books (Pre-k) -Tellin’ Stories Program -Math and Parent Partners (MAPPS) -Farmers Market (Monthly Nutrition Workshop) -Laptop checkout program -Parent Technology Night -Family Virtual Fieldtrip -Book Ball -Weekend family fieldtrip opportunity -Learning Language & Loving It Workshops -Title I Tool Kit Series Workshop addressing six topics

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<p>3. Educate school personnel, with parental assistance, on how to work with parents as equal partners in their child's educational process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tellin' Stories provides an opportunity for parents and staff to have open two-way dialogue regarding parents being equal partners. -PD 360 video segments are emailed from central office to teachers on a regular basis regarding parent involvement. -Get to know your teacher night -The Title I Parent Committee Meeting allows parents the opportunity to give input on Professional Development for Teachers -- parent conferences, parent sensitivity training -Comer Professional Development Consultants
<p>4. Coordinate and integrate programs purposed to increase parent involvement such as the Judy Center, and other community resources like the Health Dept., Library. Etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Women's Club (provides books and volunteers) -PTO (Co-sponsors parent activities) -Nanjemoy Community Center (Co-Sponsors parent activities) -Health Partners, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Links (free dental for identified students, coaching for parents, and transportation to dentist) -Business Partners (Technology equipment-smart boards, computers and La Cross equipment) -Sheriffs Dept (Volunteers, camp opportunities, incentives and mentors)
<p>5. Ensure information is presented in a format parents can understand and additional languages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provide translated documents when needed. -Members of community provide translation/interpretation when needed -Flyers will made in an easy to read. -Personal phone calls will be made when appropriate and for reminders -Email -Sync Voice System
<p>6. Provide reasonable support for participation in parent involvement activities such as (providing a variety of meeting times, childcare, and transportation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide childcare Provide transportation when needed Hold workshops during in the morning, afternoon, and in the evening Record workshops through technology (Ipod)

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<p>Review the Effectiveness <i>•Review the effectiveness of the school parental involvement activities</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Surveys after each parent involvement event -Distribute System-Level Bi-Annual Survey -Suggestion box -Open door policy -Oral feedback
<p>Parent Information Resource Center <i>•School will inform parents about the existence of the Maryland Parent Information Resource Center. (PIRC)</i></p>	<p>Pamphlets are distributed at schools Parent Resource Center</p> <p>Flyers sent out for the Tri County Parenting Conference Held by the MD PIRC</p>
<p>Accessibility: <i>Provide Full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.</i></p>	<p>Where needed, flyers will be translated through the Title I office for those families with limited English.</p>
<p>Other School-Level Parent Involvement Initiatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Three 4 Me Volunteer Program -Mentor Program -Reading Partners -PTO -Comer Professional Development