

Itawamba County School District
Mantachie Attendance Center



PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY
2017-2018

Mantachie Attendance Center jointly developed this parental involvement policy in consultation with school personnel, community members, and parents. A list of committee members responsible for writing this policy is on file with Title 1 documentation located at the school. A copy of the policy will be distributed at the annual Title 1 meeting and will be kept on file at the school. The parent involvement plan will be reviewed annually to meet the changing needs of parents, students, and the school.

Development of the School-Wide policy/Parental Involvement Policy

Mantachie Attendance Center will implement the following:

- Administer a Parent Survey in the spring of each year which will provide input as to the effectiveness of the School-Wide Program. Data from the surveys will be used to help determine the effectiveness of the school-wide policy.
- Involve parents in the development of the School-Wide Title 1 policy. The school-wide committee is comprised of parents, teachers, students, and community members. This committee plays a fundamental role in the development of the School-Wide Policy which includes the Parent Involvement Policy. (42-C,F)
- Make available to parents and community members the Parental Involvement Policy. This policy may be found in the school library and the school website.
- Parents are informed in the actual document and at the annual meeting that they may make comments if they disagree with any of the content found in the Itawamba Parent Involvement Policy. (42-C,E)

Part 1: Policy Involvement

Mantachie Attendance Center and the Itawamba County School District understand that parents are important partners in their child's education. Therefore, in an effort to encourage parents to be involved and informed, our school will do the following:

- (1) The school will host an Open House at the beginning of each school year. Parents will have the opportunity to talk with teachers about parental involvement and be informed of their rights to be involved through. Handbooks, which contain the ICSD Parental Involvement Policy and information about Parents' Right to be Informed, will be distributed to each student along with other beginning paperwork.
- (2) The school will conduct an annual meeting each year to inform parents about the School-Wide Program and Title 1 requirements and offerings. At this meeting flyers describing Title 1 programs and services will be distributed to all parents. (42-A)
- (3) The school will provide parents information about programs, curriculum, assessment, and achievement expectations. The school's curriculum and assessment is in compliance with Mississippi Department of Education standards and regulations. This information will be dispensed through newsletters, school website, school calendars, the local newspaper, approved social media (which include Remind 101), e-mails, and telephone calls. (42-D)
- (4) The school will continue to add materials to the ICSD Parent Center, located at the Improvement Center, as it relates to Mantachie Attendance Center.

Part 2: Building Capacity (42-G)

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among Mantachie Attendance Center, parents, and community members that enhances student achievement the following will be utilized:

- A parental involvement resource room will be located at the Central Office. Parents may visit the center during regular school day hours. (42-B)
- The school will educate faculty and staff through professional development opportunities of the importance of working with parents to build ties between parents and school. This can be accomplished through faculty meetings, PLC meetings, and Leadership Team meetings.
- The school will educate parents concerning state academic and achievement standards, state and local assessments, and student progress. This can be accomplished through Parent/Teacher Conferences, Annual Title 1 meeting, STAR reports, student progress reports, student report cards, Active Parent accounts, the State School Report Card, and special events such as Literacy Night and PTO meetings. PTO meeting dates and times are announced at the beginning of the year and are usually held in the middle school cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. (42-B, D)

Part 3: Shared Responsibility for High Student Performance

Mantachie Attendance Center uses a district-wide school-parent-student compact. The compact outlines how administrators, school faculty, parents, and students will share responsibility for improved student achievement. It will also provide means by which the school and parents will build a partnership to help students achieve that state's academic standards. Compacts will be signed by teachers, students, and parents.

Part 4: Parents' Right-to-Know

Mantachie Attendance Center will provide parents information about their right to know the qualifications of their child's teacher. Notice of this right and of any person that does not meet the highly qualified criteria required by No Child left Behind will be sent to parents.

When a student is being taught by a teacher who is not highly qualified, a notification letter is sent home to the parents of those children. When a substitute has been in a classroom for more than four consecutive weeks and is not highly qualified, a notification letter will be sent home to the parents of those children.

Part 5: Accessibility (42-H)

Mantachie Attendance Center, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, in a format that is practicable and in a language that parents can understand. Newsletters and school notices will be sent home in the appropriate language, as well as English, to the best of the school's practical ability.

Part 6: Procedures to Submit Comments of dissatisfaction with the School Parental Involvement Policy

Parents are notified through the district and school websites, annual meetings, and in brochures, that they make comments if they disagree with any aspect of Mantachie Attendance Center Title 1 School-Wide Policy. Parents are notified at the annual Title 1 meeting that the Parent Survey is an excellent opportunity for them to make comments and suggestions for program improvement.

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