

NATIONS FORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARENT POLICY

Nations Ford Elementary School's Title I Program encourages each parent to be involved in their child's education. This policy outlines the parent involvement activities that will be conducted throughout the school year.

◆ Parents will receive a copy of the Parent Involvement Policy (this document) – which describes the ongoing activities that are held to inform and involve parents in their child's education.

◆ Parents will receive a copy of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School's (CMS) **Parent-School Compact**. This compact is sent to our parents and guardians in both English and Spanish through our **Home Communications Folder**. **The CMS Parent-School Compact** is an agreement between the home and school that clearly outlines and defines the responsibility of the parents or guardians, the classroom teacher, the school principal and the student. Each individual has a clear responsibility for supporting learning for the student. It is extremely important that your child's classroom teacher receives a signed copy for his or her records.

◆ The school administration, faculty and staff will host an open house to be held on Thursday, September 25, 2008. We look forward to seeing each of you (parents and guardians) at the event, along with your school-age child. We begin the Title I and Curriculum Night with a Pizza Party at 5:30 pm. This informal event allows parents, students and staff members the opportunity to enjoy casual conversations with current and former students and their parents. This is a positive way to provide parents a level of comfort as they enjoy

◆ A Title I annual parent meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2009. This meeting will cover:

- the results of the annual review meeting from last spring,
- what activities children will be involved in,
- how children will be assessed to determine growth,
- how and when the assessment information will be sent home to the parents.

This meeting will also give parents the opportunity to actively participate and have input into the Title I School-wide program as well as getting how to get involved with the School Leadership Team (SLT) and the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Executive Board and Committees.

◆ Monthly newsletters, suggestions on how to work with your child, lists of good books to read with your child as well as other information will be sent home periodically to provide opportunity to train parents to help their children succeed in school.

◆ **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are critical to the individual success of the children at Nations Ford. Conferences allow teachers and parents (guardians) the opportunity to discuss in detail the strengths and weaknesses of the individual child. Teachers schedule individual conferences to review your child's progress and answer any questions you may have.

◆ Before the Spring Break week a survey is given to parents and guardians. This survey gives allows each constituent the opportunity to voice their opinions about the **Title I School Program**. At Nations Ford Elementary, we look forward to positive suggestions, recommendations and even concerns that will assist the faculty and staff, the PTA and the School Leadership Team (SLT) with improving the program.

◆ An annual review meeting is held before we break for the summer vacation. This review gives parents and guardians the opportunity to hear, in detail, the results from the survey. Suggestions for improvement from the faculty and staff, the parent association, parent teams and even the volunteers and community business partners are taken into consideration as we begin the planning process for the next school year. The results of this annual review meeting and drafts of our proposed Title I programmatic changes will be shared with parents through a variety of venues: weekly newsletters, the summer newsletters, the school website, the Back to School Open House (in August) and the annual Title I fall meeting.

◆ We invite parents and guardians to call the school or your child's teacher at any time during the year to ask any questions you may have or to schedule a visit or conference. It is our hope that your children will continue to enjoy wonderful learning experiences at Nations Ford Elementary. The priority at Nations Ford is student learning and achievement in a safe and nurturing environment. We need the help of the entire school community, the school district, our parents, guardians and volunteers to make this work on a daily basis.