

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools will continue to employ previously used strategies for encouraging effective parental involvement:

- Parent Involvement Policies will be distributed to all parents of Title I identified students. This policy outlines the parents' right to know if/when schools are identified for School Improvement, the credentials of classroom teachers and paraprofessionals, ways parents can become meaningfully involved in their child's education, and other pertinent information about their child's education.
- All parents of Title I students will sign a school/parent/student compact that outlines the duties and obligations of each party to ensure that students reach high academic standards. This annual compact will be maintained in the school's official Title I documents.
- Title I schools will update their Parent Involvement Plans each year.
- **School Connect** is our phone automation system used to notify parents about school events.
- Schools use a variety of resources to connect home and school: websites, translated documents, newsletters, meetings, and technological programs.
- Preschool families receive "Learning at Home Package" each month with ideas for activities they can work on with the student at home. The finished products are often displayed at the school. Parents are encouraged to obtain a Public Library card for the student. Preschool staff plan and provide Family/Child Activities at school, where family members and preschoolers work side by side on learning activities together. All preschool families receive home visits twice a year. Each preschool child will receive a high quality paperback book to keep at home. Once before the child begins school to assist with transitioning into the classroom and again before the child completes preschool. Other home visits are provided if needed.
- All preschool forms and documents are available in English and Spanish. The preschool program has a bilingual staff member to assist Hispanic families with conferences, family activities, and communication between home and school.
- Parents will have an opportunity to attend parent-teacher conferences. Assessment on the student is provided at least four times a year or whenever needed to monitor student progress.

Title I schools will use additional techniques for encouraging effective parental involvement. Included are:

- Schools receiving Title I funds inform parents of the Title I programs and services offered at that school at the beginning of the year meeting. All Title I schools offer several events during the school year.
- The normal parental activities, such as PTA/PTO, fall festival, spring festival, meetings, holiday events, will continue to be held at each school on a regular basis.