

## **Title I Parental Involvement Policy Desert School--Wamsutter**

The Sweetwater County School District #1 Title I Program recognizes the importance of parental involvement in schools. The Title I Program has placed a high priority on working with parents and families to provide the best possible education for each child in the program. This policy represents input from parents and will be available to all parents of Title I children.

Research has shown that parents who participate in their child's education make critical contributions to their child's academic achievement. Therefore, it is the consensus of the Title I Program that every school providing Title I services to students will involve families in the education of children.

### **Policy Statement**

1. In September, a letter will be sent to all parents of children selected for participation in the Title I Program, informing them of selection and the nature of instruction. All parents will be invited to attend a meeting at Desert School during September or October for discussion of specifics concerning the instructional objectives and methods of the program. Follow up efforts will be made through telephone calls, direct mailing, and optional evening meetings. Parents of children added during the year will be contacted by the teachers involved with their child.
2. Responsibilities of parents and suggestions for the Title I School-Parent Compact will be presented through communication with parents during the year. This will be accomplished through designed workshops or conferences to meet the needs and wishes requested by the parents.

Valuable information, resources, and materials are available for parents at the school and may also be picked up at conference time. In order to support student achievement, family literacy activities and materials will be sent home throughout the school year as educational tools.

The Title I teacher will provide progress reports for parents twice a year. At designated times conferences concerning their child's progress will be arranged. Parents are encouraged to attend school sponsored activities and to visit their child's Title I classroom.

3. In-service training for Title I staff, classroom teachers, and other school representatives will be provided. The training will be directed toward more effectiveness in working with parents of participating children and toward building school-parent compacts.

4. Communication with parents will consist of monthly Title I newsletters, conferences, and parent involvement activities.

In order to foster parent-teacher communication, teachers are available to parents before and after school or by appointment.

The Title I Program will provide families with the opportunities to work with the school. The school will provide these opportunities through many means, including but not limited to on-site parent committees, parent/teacher conferences, open houses, e-mail and other written communications. The School Messenger program will be used to provide reminders for parent/family activities.

5. Provisions will be made to translate printed material for parents where the primary language is not English and to provide interpretation services for conferences and parent involvement activities.