

Horry County Schools Parent & Family Engagement Policy

- ◆ Encourages, supports, and values the participation and involvement of parents and families in the educational experiences of their children
- ◆ We will be committed to developing family-friendly schools, offices, and programs that welcome and serve parents and families in positive and supportive environments
- ◆ Students learn best when families and schools work together and develop relationships of shared responsibility and mutual support
- ◆ The District shall assist parents in learning how home environments can support the academic achievement of students
- ◆ Strategies such as parenting classes, home visitation opportunities, and adult education programs will be offered to support parents
- ◆ Special assistance will be provided to ensure that non-English speaking parents may also participate as full partners in their child's education
- ◆ Parents make valuable contributions to the educational process and shall be included as participants in important school and district decisions
- ◆ Parents are encouraged to participate on committees at both school and district levels and to serve as volunteers for classroom, school, and district-wide activities
- ◆ Professional development opportunities for teachers, administrators, and other district employees shall be offered to enhance the ability of schools to effectively service all students, parents, and families.



**Horry County Schools shall also
implement the following provisions
Set forth by the
*Elementary and Secondary Education
Act***

Properly Certified Teachers-Parents have the right to ask the school administration if a teacher possesses proper certification to teach the grade and content area to which he or she has been assigned. Parents have the right to notice if students are taught more than four consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not properly certified. Go to <http://ed.sc.gov> and type in "Educator Qualification" in the search bar

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Black Water
MIDDLE SCHOOL

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The checklist activities in this brochure share the many ways we offer parent and family participation and opportunities.

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Parent & Family Engagement Checklist:

Involve parents and families with joint development of the District Plan and in the Process of School Review and Improvement		
Collaborate with community stakeholders at all levels of District and School Strategic Planning	✓	
School-wide planning teams review the School-Wide Plans and provide input into revisions, additions and deletions for activities and budget	✓	
Findings from the school's needs assessment will be utilized	✓	
Present Title I Program/Activities and Requirements of Title I at Parenting Meetings	✓	
School-Wide Plans are also presented to parents at our annual meetings	✓	

Involve parents with joint development of the District Plan and in the Process of School Review and Improvement		
Parents involved in decisions regarding how funds are allotted for Parent and Family Engagement Activities	✓	
Not less than 1% of the Title I Allocation will be reserved for Parent Involvement Activities including family literacy and parenting skills	✓	
Not less than 95% of the funds reserved for Parental Involvement shall be distributed to schools and used for activities such as parent education workshops and home visits	✓	
Provide training to school staff, administration, and parents to strengthen Parent Involvement efforts	✓	
Provide a school counselor program in coordination with mental health counselors in order to provide services such as individual and group counseling, home visits, character education, and career education programs	✓	
The Title I Program will provide coordination for effective Parent and Family Engagement through the School's Improvement Council	✓	

Build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental and family engagement		
Involve parents in planning of the Title I Plan	✓	
Provide Parent Conference opportunities	✓	
Family Nights on Literacy, Math, Assessments, Monitoring Child Progress, Science, and State Academic Standards	✓	
Volunteer Programs	✓	
Response to Intervention Teams —Team that identifies and monitors children that are at risk.	✓	
Parent / Student Orientation Night	✓	

Coordinate and integrate Parental and Family Engagement Strategies under other programs		
Horry County Schools provides two comprehensive Family Literacy Programs. The services include Adult Education, Parenting, Interactive Literacy Activities, and Early Childhood	✓	
Information is provided to parents concerning Early Intervention for children and family literacy	✓	

Involve parents and families in the activities of the school served under Title I, Part A		
Schedule parent-teacher conferences at a variety of times to accommodate parents' schedules	✓	
Provide Parent Night Workshops	✓	
Encourage two-way communication between home and school through newsletters, email, phone calls, home visits, parent conferences, surveys, Facebook-Black Water Middle	✓	

Conduct, with the involvement of parents and families , an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy that will determine the effectiveness of the present policy and any barriers to participation in the parenting activities		
Solicit comments from parents regarding the Parent and Family Engagement Policy through an annual survey conducted in the Spring and during school registration	✓	
Appropriate revisions are made based on suggestions and or recommendations for improvement	✓	
The final (DRAFT) Parent and Family Engagement Policy is distributed to parents in the Fall	✓	
The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be updated as needed and reviewed annually by parents, community members, school and district administrators, and school staff members in order to continuously meet the changing needs of parents, students, and the school	✓	
The findings of this evaluation will be used to design strategies for more effective Parent and Family Engagement and to revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, if necessary	✓	
Frequent reminders, such as flyers, newsletters, telephone contacts, and email messages, will be provided to parents	✓	
Develop jointly with parents a School-Parent Compact given out at the first parent teacher conference		
Solicit comments from parents regarding the Parent & Family Engagement Compact	✓	
Appropriate revisions are made based on suggestions and / or recommendations from improvement	✓	
The Compact involves parents by having them make a commitment to share the responsibility for their children's performance	✓	
The school and parents build and develop a partnership to help the students achieve the state standards	✓	