

**COLUMBIA BOROUGH  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY  
2017-2018**

In recognition that the parent is the child's first and most important teacher and that the parent's continued involvement is essential for the success of students, Columbia Borough School District (CBSD) is committed to building a strong parent-school partnership. Furthermore, federal regulations state that funds may be received only if programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents of participating children are implemented. Such activities shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children. Consultation shall be ongoing and timely.

At the beginning of each school year, this policy shall be distributed to parents of Federal Program/Title I students and, to the extent possible, provided in a language the parents can understand. This policy shall also be made available to the community and reviewed annually. Parents will be involved in the timely review and update of the policy.

All buildings in the CBSD operated a school-wide Federal Programs/Title I plan, making every parent eligible to participate in all Federal Programs/Title I functions and meetings. Parents of each Federal Programs/Title I student(s) are given the opportunity to participate in at least one parent-teacher conference and any additional conferences needed to ensure understanding and cooperation among the parents, students, and respective school officials so that students will fully profit from all school experiences.

To improve student achievement and to maintain strong school/family/community partnerships, the CBSD shall do the following

- Hold two Federal Program/Title I parent meetings in the fall and spring semesters.

- **Hold periodic parent steering committee meetings at each building to inform parents of their school's participation in the Federal programs/Title I program. The school will explain its requirements and the parent's right to be involved.**
- **Offer several meetings throughout the school year.**
- **Provide parents of Federal Program/Title I students with:**
  - **Timely information about the program**
  - **If requested, provide a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.**
  - **If requested by the parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and to respond to any such suggestions.**
  - **Conduct any or all of the following:**
    - **Develop School Improvement/Level Plans on an annual basis with stakeholder support/input.**
    - **Back to School Nights**
    - **Parent Steering Committee meetings**
    - **Parent conferences in November**
    - **Book Bloom in the spring - Parents can accompany their children and may also participate in book swaps.**
    - **Elementary/middle School visitation for parents**
    - **College visits for students**
    - **Senior scholarship review meetings for students and parents**
    - **Student visits to Career and Technology Centers**
    - **Meet & Greets for elementary and MS parents/grandparents/friends**
    - **Participation in Bizz Town and/or Finance Park**
    - **Academic family and student nights**