

# 2016-2017 Title I Parent/Guardian Involvement Policy



## DeKalb Alternative School

DeKalb Alternative School (DAS) will offer meetings and programs at flexible times to meet the needs of parents/guardians. These programs are planned and based upon parent verbal and written input and feedback. DAS continues to value the support of parents and seeks parental input in the planning and development of new and existing programs. To maximize the success of our students and solicit the involvement of our parents, the following programs are collaboratively planned for the 2016-2017 school year:

Title I Orientation will be conducted on August 3, 2016 and Entry Conferences will be held August 2, 2016- May 11, 2017, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 1:00 pm. At these meetings, the parents will receive and orientation to the Title I School-wide program. The parents will also be informed of their school's participation under Title I Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) signed by President Obama on December 10, 2015. The ESSA reauthorizes the 50-year old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965. In addition, parents will be informed and receive the School-Parent- Teacher Compact including the parent's responsibility for supporting their child's learning. Parents will be encouraged to take advantage of the various resources available at the Parent Resource Center near their respective home school. Crucial to the success of these meetings is the timely explanation and description of the school's curriculum, mission statement, school and classroom expectations, and required assessments. In addition, parents will be provided with the academic assessments that will be utilized and the proficiency levels the students are expected to meet. A parent involvement workshop survey will be given to the parents to complete and return to their child's teacher. Parents will receive a copy of the DeKalb Title I Parent Involvement Policy.

Title I Staff Orientation: Staff orientation addressing the value and utility of the contributions of parents and how to reach out to communicate with parents as collaborative partners will be presented on September 19, 2013. This presentation will consist of sharing the benefits from the suggestions and support that parents offer and from the satisfaction of seeing children succeed. Furthermore, teachers will receive insights as to how the Title I

Program works at DAS and the utilization of funds to support the overall school's goals. The proposed SWP is discussed and goals are reviewed so that the staff is familiar with their part in helping the school attain the goals.

Open House held on August 3, 2016 provided parents an overview of the DeKalb Alternative School, Flexible Learning Program (FLP), School Wide Title I status, and student expectations for academic and behavioral growth. In addition, parents received information regarding academic assessments and reference to the attainment of a testing calendar.

Curriculum Night will be held on August 3, 2016 to afford parents the opportunity to meet teachers and ascertain student progress updates. In addition, parents will receive information about Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) and Georgia Performance Standards, as well as students' expectations in meeting those standards. Teachers will continue to share assessments requirements, classroom procedures, homework procedures and behavior expectations/compliances that are pertinent to the success of the student.

Title I Parent Forums: Four Title I Parent Forums will be presented, with two designated per semester. The Forums will be held October 27, 2016, November 17, 2016, February 16, 2017 and March 16, 2017. The Forums will entail topics that are relevant to students and parents including: (1) Understanding the Goal of Title One as a High Quality Program for Every Student, (2) Understanding Georgia Standards of Excellence and Academic Assessments, (3) It's All About Discipline as an Ongoing Process, (4) Steps to Improving Your Child's Study Skills and homework strategies, (5) It's A Family Affair: Reading is a Key to Success and Enjoyment in Life, (6) Know Your Personal Learning Style, (7) The Magic of Mathematics, (8) Maintaining Good Attendance in School, (9) Goal Setting, (10) Conflict Resolution, (11) Providing Guidance, and (12) Decision Making Processes. Childcare will be provided.

Parent surveys: Data are collected and submitted to our local education agency. Parent comments are discussed and means of addressing suggestions and comments are sought by the school staff.

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DeKalb Alternative School values the partnership between parents, teachers, students, and community stakeholders. DAS strives to involve parents in all aspects of the Title I program. Information about school events and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is disseminated using various venues. DeKalb Alternative School uses the following communication methods to provide parents with timely information about Title I programs, school resources, and the academic progress of the students.

1. Communication is ongoing using phone calls, flyers, conference calls, and school's website
2. Offer social emotional learning supportive services to all parents via onsite interventions and outside referrals
3. During entry conferences and parent conferences, parents have open access to administration, teaching and support staff, copies of Parent Involvement Policy, student handbook, ample survey, and feedback opportunities, and they are encouraged to participate in a parental advisory capacity. The School-Parent-Teacher Compact is thoroughly explained during entry conferences and signatures are obtained.