



North Carolina Parent Information and Resource Center

Parent Partners E-PIC

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Title 1 schools and administrators must be attentive to their school parent involvement policies, which should be aligned with Section 1118 of the *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) law. ***Parental Involvement: Action Guide for Parents and Communities*** written by the Public Education Network (PEN) provides a checklist of parent involvement requirements designed to serve as a tool to help you determine whether schools are on the right track when it comes to involving parents.

Parent Involvement School Level Checklist

- Does your school have a parent involvement policy?
- Were parents involved in developing, approving and reviewing the policy?
- Are they a representative sample of the school community?
- Does the policy clearly explain how parents, including those with limited English proficiency, will be involved in school improvement activities?
- Is the parent involvement policy easy to read and provided in languages that parents in your community can understand?
- Does your school level parental involvement policy include a school improvement monitoring team?
- Does the monitoring team include community representatives?
- Does the school hold annual parent meetings to explain No Child Left Behind section 118 and the laws provisions for including parents, and make an effort to reach as many parents as possible to attend the meeting?
- Does your school provide funding and assistance for parents to encourage parental involvement? For example, are babysitting services provided at meetings and trainings, is dinner made available, are meetings periodically scheduled at places other than the school building?
- Does your school have programs and activities for parents that are designed to build the capacity for comprehensive inclusion of parents in school building level decision-making?
- Are parents involved in the development of the programs and activities for parents?
- Does your school involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of programs for parental involvement policies and development of the school wide program plan?

NC PIRC offers ***No Child Left Behind and Title 1***, a workshop that discusses the impact of NCLB on Title 1 schools and parents. Those who attend the workshop will gain a greater understanding of the responsibilities of schools and parents, compacts and parent involvement policies and understanding parental choice and options.

We can assist your parent involvement program by offering workshops, *Empower* newsletter, a lending library, website information and many other resources and materials. If you are interested in scheduling a workshop or would like some materials for your school, please call 704-892-1321 or use our toll free number 1-800-962-6817 and ask for Rita (ext.39) or Cindy (ext.21). You may also email us at parentpartners@ecacmail.org. We look forward to hearing from you!