



Middletown Township Public Schools

Thorne Middle School
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Dear Parents/Guardian:

As Thorne Middle School is served with Title I funds we shall:

1. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating pupils shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation and the requirements of this Policy, and the right of the parents to be involved;
2. Upon request offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with Title I funds, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement;
3. Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parental involvement policy;
4. Provide parents of participating pupils:
 - a. timely information about programs required by NCLB, §1118;
 - b. a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet; and
 - c. if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible; and
5. Submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the Board of Education.

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Shared Responsibilities For High Student Academic Achievement

As per Board policy each school served by Title I funds shall jointly develop with parents of all pupils served with Title I funds, a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards. The compact will:

1. Describe the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the pupils served by Title I funds to meet the State's student academic achievement standards, and the ways in which each parent will be responsible for supporting their children's learning, such as monitoring attendance, homework completion, and television watching; volunteering in their child's classroom; and participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and positive use of extracurricular time; and
2. Address the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum:
 - a. parent-teacher or counselor conferences, at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed as the compact relates to the individual pupil's achievement;
 - b. frequent reports to parents on their children's progress; and
 - c. reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of classroom activities.

Building Capacity For Involvement

As per Board policy, to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, each school and school district assisted with Title I funds:

1. Shall provide assistance to parents of pupils served by the school in understanding such topics as the State's academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this Policy, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children;
2. Shall provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement;
3. Shall educate teachers, pupil services personnel, administrators, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school;

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4. Shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities encourage support to parents who more fully participate in the education of their children;
5. Shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand;
6. May provide necessary literacy training from Title I funds if the school district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training;
7. Upon request may pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions;
9. May train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;
10. May arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation;
11. May adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement;
12. May establish a district-wide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I programs;
13. May develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities; and
14. Shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this Policy as parents may request.

Accessibility

In carrying out the parental involvement requirements of NCLB, §1118 and this Policy, Thorne Middle School, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, to include providing information and school reports required under NCLB, §1111 in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents understand.

Thorne Middle School will inform parents of any parental information and resource centers that provide training, information, and support to parents and individuals who work with local parents, school districts, and schools receiving Title I funds.

Sincerely,



Thomas Olausen
Principal

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SCHOOL/PARENT/STUDENT COMPACT

SCHOOL:

The administrative team of Thorne Middle School agrees to monitor the staff implementation of the Board approved job description for teacher/staff with special emphasis on the following five components:

1. Planning instructional objectives and activities consistent with the curriculum guides.
2. Supervising behavior in the school environment to maintain the safety and well being of the students and staff.
3. Communicating positive support of the students in their educational development.
4. Relating with staff, parents and community through positive professional cooperation.
5. Assuming responsibility periodically for conferences with parents.

Administrative Team Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

I understand that my participation in my child's education will help his/her achievement and attitude. Therefore, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

1. Give my child a quiet place to study.
2. Encourage my child to complete his/her homework.
3. Make sure my child gets enough sleep each night.
4. Make sure my child is at school on time.
5. Make sure my child reads and writes on a daily basis.
6. Attend open house and parent conferences.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Phone: _____

STUDENT:

I know education is important to me to help me become a better person. Therefore, I agree to do the following:

1. Return completed homework on time.
2. Return corrected work to my parent/guardian.
3. Be at school on time unless I am sick.
4. Be responsible for my own behavior.
5. Pay attention and ask for help when needed.

Student Signature: _____

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