

**SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY H1**

TITLE I, PART A, PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

POLICY

If a school in the South Burlington School District becomes eligible to receive Title I funds, the District will maintain programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents of students receiving services, or enrolled in programs, under Title I Part A of Elementary and Secondary Education Act. These programs, activities and procedures are described in school district and school level compacts.

DEFINITIONS

Parent: Includes a legal guardian or other person standing in loco parentis (such as a grandparent or stepparent with whom the child lives, or a person who is legally responsible for the child's welfare).

School District Parental Involvement Compact

The superintendent shall develop an LEA-Level Parental Involvement Compact according to Title I, Part A requirements. The LEA Compact shall include: (1) the school district's expectations for parental involvement, (2) specific strategies for effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, and (3) other provisions required by law. The superintendent shall ensure that the Compact is distributed to parents of students receiving services, or enrolled in programs, under Title I Part A.

School Level Parental Involvement Compact

The superintendent shall develop a School-Level Parental Involvement Compact in accord with Title I, Part A requirements. The School Level Parental Involvement Compact shall include: (1) a process for continually involving parents in its development and implementation, (2) how parents, the entire school staff and students share the responsibility for improved academic achievement, (3) the means by which the school and parents build and develop a partnership to help students achieve the State's standards, and (4) other provisions as required by law. The compact is to be distributed to parents of students receiving services or enrolled in programs under Title I, Part A.

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Legal References

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (“No Child Left Behind Act”), 20 USC §6318.

16 V.S.A. §144b. Definition of “LEA” for NCLBA purposes.

This policy is mandatory for LEAs and schools that receive Title I, Part A funds. 20 U.S.C. §6318(a)(2).

16 V.S.A. §144b(c) makes school districts LEAs for purposes of complying with the sections of federal law that apply to this policy.

See below for an explanation of the use of the term “compact” in this model policy.

Source: 20 USC §7801(31). ESEA definition of “parent.”

20 USC §6318(a)(2) requiring each LEA receiving Title I Part A funds to “develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents of participating children a written parent involvement policy.” This requirement is accomplished in this model policy by requiring the superintendent or his or her designee to develop an LEA compact in accord with Title I policy requirements. A compact, as such, is not required of LEA’s under Title I, although a compact is required of title I schools. The use of a compact by LEAs is suggested here in order to minimize the extent to which procedures must be made part of board policies. A sample LEA Parental Involvement Compact is provided in Appendix A attached to this model policy.

20 USC §6318(b) requiring each school served under Title I, Part A to “develop jointly with, and distribute to, parents of participating children a written parent involvement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of subsections (c) through (f).” In addition Section 6318(d) requires Title I schools to develop, “as a component of the school-level policy,” a school-parent compact. The compact must be jointly developed with parents of children served under Title I, Part A, and must include certain components. A sample School Level Parental Involvement Compact with the required components is provided in Appendix B attached to this policy.