East Stroudsburg Area School District **East Stroudsburg Elementary School**

The East Stroudsburg Elementary School agrees to implement the following:

- The school will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in the Title I, Part A program. These programs, activities and procedures will be planned, operated, and reviewed on an annual basis; with meaningful consultation with parents. Concerns/complaints will be direct to the Title I Director.
- The school will have an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, to explain the requirements of the program and to inform parents of their right to be involved.
- The school will provide parents with timely information about the Title I program. Progress will be reported through conferences and report card comments.
- Parent meetings, including parent conferences, will be held at least twice annually (November and again in February). Different times during the day and evening will be offered to accommodate parents' schedules. Parents may request additional times to meet with the Title I teachers and/or the Title I Director. Parents are invited to volunteer their services to help in classrooms and be chaperones on field trips. Parents organize our school store and our book fair. Parents serve as members on our various teams such as our School Improvement Team, School Wide Positive Behavior Support Team, and Multicultural Celebration Team.
- The school will develop school-parent compacts annually and this will be shared with parents during the first marking period.
- The school will identify barriers to greater participation by parents (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.
- Title I funds may be used to pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- The school will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement. East Stroudsburg Elementary School has a monthly Coffee with the Principal/Parent Presentation. Each month the focus is on a different topic relevant to parents. Monthly ESE sends home parent newsletters to keep the parents up to date on school events and important dates. Teacher generated newsletters are sent home on a weekly basis. School-wide flyers detailing important information and school news are sent home on an as needed basis. A weekly outreach is made to parents via the Blackboard Connect Ed System. Our Parent Teacher Organization attends the Coffee with the Principal and updates parents on current PTO events. Parents are invited to our monthly grade level assemblies for all grade levels to recognize every child's accomplishments in our building. Parents are always welcome to our annual events that include, but are not limited to our Vocabulary Parade, Science Fair, Multicultural Celebration, School Wide Positive Behavior ESE Bucket Bash, chorus and band concerts, dance/theater productions, and art exhibition. In addition to our semi-annual parent/teacher conferences ESE holds Parent Nights at the beginning of each school year to allow the parents to meet their child(ren)'s teacher and familiarize themselves with their classroom rituals and routines. Parents can view our ESE Broadcast Club's productions of Wake up with ESE on our school's Moodle Page. Parents can also visit our school's website to find pertinent and updated information. Activities for summer reading will be distributed at the end of the school year.
- The school will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start and invite parents of existing students with pre school age siblings to participate in the following programs: Teach Me To Read At Home and Quick Start.
- The school will ensure that information is sent to parents in an understandable format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.
- The school will provide assistance to parents in understanding topics such as the following:
  - PA Academic Standards/Common Core
  - PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment)

- District Assessments
- The requirements of Title I
- How to monitor their children's progress
- How to work in partnership with the school
- Food Allergies/screenings
- School Performance Profile
- Physical Education/Wellness
- PSSA Math and ELA: How to Prepare At Home
- Bullying Prevention
- Internet Safety
- ESE's Art and Music Program
- Services for gifted, special needs, and English Language Learners
- summer reading ideas

- The school will conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parent involvement policy via a parent survey.
- Additional information about the Title I program will be posted on the district website.