

(Title I) Parent Involvement Plan

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Spectrum High School and Spectrum Middle School (Spectrum) believes parental involvement plays a significant role in student success. Parents are welcomed at school and encouraged to be involved in their child(ren)'s education. Spectrum will support ongoing parental education and involvement by providing resources to make involvement accessible and attainable.

Vision

Spectrum's vision is to be a leading college preparatory school of choice committed to high standards and exceptional programming.

Mission

Spectrum's mission is to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and attributes to successfully navigate the college and career of their choice and positively impact the world around them.

I. Spectrum's Commitment to *Parent Involvement Plan*

Spectrum agrees to implement the following requirements:

- A. Spectrum will put into operation programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents. Those programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- B. Spectrum will work to ensure that the required *Parent Involvement Plan* meets Title I requirements, and includes, as a component, a school-parent compact.
 1. Spectrum will consider the *Parent Involvement Plan* when modifying its Strategic Plan.
 2. In carrying out the Title I parent involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, Spectrum will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- C. If the Spectrum *Parent Involvement Plan* for Title I is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, Spectrum will submit any parent comments with the plan submitting the plan to the Minnesota Department of Education.

- D. Spectrum will invite parents of children served through Title I to participate in decisions about how any dedicated Title I funds reserved for parent involvement are allocated.

II. Spectrum Parent Involvement Plan (Title I) Required Components

- A. The *Parent Involvement Plan* will be sent to parents in the fall of the year with an opportunity to meet with the Executive Director for further explanation. Utilizing the School Improvement Team/World's Best Workforce Committee (made up of parents, students, teachers, and administration) the Plan will be reviewed for input annually each spring.
- B. Results of academic standards and assessments and student achievement will be reviewed through the School Improvement Team/World's Best Workforce Committee annually. The development, review, and improvement of the *Parent Involvement Plan* will be one of their annual tasks.
- C. Academic results for the school will be presented at the school's annual meeting in the fall.
- D. Parents will be informed of their student's achievement results each fall and school results will be posted on the school website and included in a school newsletter sent to all families.
- E. Spectrum will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parent involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities:
 - 1. Title 1 teacher(s) will keep records on student progress. Periodically, parent reports will be sent home for parental review.
 - 2. Student assessment scores will be sent home with results explained to the parents. Teachers will be available at fall and spring conferences to further explain results, if requested.
 - 3. Student grades will be updated regularly and available online for parents to access daily.
 - 4. Information for parents on how to support their child(ren)'s education and work with teachers will be made available to parents.
 - 5. Computer access will be made available to parents to access these materials or their child(ren)'s grades, upon request, at school sites.
- F. Spectrum will educate its teachers, principals, and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as partners.
- G. Spectrum will take the following actions to ensure that Title I information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

1. *Parent Involvement Plan* and will be available on the school's website.
2. District staff will be available to parents who require a verbal explanation of print material content.
3. For parents who do not speak English, documents may be translated or a translation phone line may be used.

III. Evaluation of the *Parental Involvement Plan*

Spectrum will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this *Parent Involvement Plan* in improving the quality of its (Title I) program offerings. Spectrum will survey (Title I) all parents in the spring through its annual Climate Survey. Part of that survey will address parental involvement.

The SIT Team/WBWF Committee will analyze survey results and make recommendations. Revisions may be applied to the *Parent Involvement Plan* and will be finalized in the spring of each year.

IV. Discretionary *Parent Involvement Plan* Components

Spectrum may choose to do the following:

- A. Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities, including transportation and childcare costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- B. In order to maximize parent involvement and participation in their children's education, 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 those conferences at school.
- C. Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parent involvement activities.

V. Adoption of *Parent Involvement Plan*

The Spectrum *Parental Involvement Plan* will be revised annually through the School Improvement Team/World's Best Workforce Committee, made up of parents, teachers, administration, and students. If significant changes are recommended, the Spectrum School Board will also review and approve plan changes.