

# **Spearfish Elementary Schools Parent Involvement Plan**

## **Mountain View/West/Creekside Elementary Schools**

### **I. IMPLEMENTATION: SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN**

- A. Spearfish Elementary Schools will involve parents in the joint development of its parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESSA through:
1. Annual Policy Review
  2. Annual Parent Surveys
  3. Strategic Planning Meetings
  4. Dissemination of Information at Parent/Teacher Conferences
- B. Spearfish Elementary Schools will involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESSA through:
1. Annual Policy Review
  2. Annual Parent Surveys
  3. Parent Attendance at School Title I Meetings
  4. Meetings during Parent Teacher Conferences
  5. Parent Attendance at DOE, Nationally or Locally Sponsored Conferences or Workshops
- C. Spearfish Elementary Schools will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist in Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:
1. Annual Policy Review
  2. Annual Parent Surveys
  3. Parent Attendance at School Improvement Meetings
  4. Meetings during Parent Teacher Conferences
  5. Parent Attendance at DOE, National or Locally Sponsored Conferences or Workshop
  6. Parenting Classes through the Parent Resource Network and Common Sense Parenting
  7. Local Newspapers
  8. Spearfish School District Web Site
- D. Spearfish Elementary Schools will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Title I, Part A schools with parental involvement strategies under Head Start and other community-based early education and intervention program(s).
1. Strategic Planning Process of SSD for 2021-2025
  2. Annual Meetings
  3. Transition Planning
  4. Family Tours at School
  5. Visits with Kindergarten Teachers

Spearfish Elementary Schools will conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of Title 1,

Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (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 background). Spearfish Elementary Schools 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 parent involvement policies.

1. School Data Retreats led by Cognia and MTSS School Improvement Teams
2. Annual Parent Surveys
3. Feedback at Parent Teacher Conferences

E. Spearfish School District will build the school's and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents to support a partnership among the school involved, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities:

1. Spearfish Elementary Schools with the assistance of its Title 1, Part A schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as:
  - a. The South Dakota Academic Content Standards
  - b. The South Dakota and Spearfish Elementary Schools Local Academic Assessments including Alternate Assessment
  - c. The Requirements of Title 1, Part A
  - d. How to Monitor their Child's Progress
  - e. How to Work with Educators
    - Infinite Campus
    - Various Workshops/Classes/Conferences
    - Classroom Take-Home Folders
    - Parent Teacher Conferences
    - Spearfish School District Web Site
    - Literacy and Math Materials for Homes
    - SD Parent Resource Network Materials/Workshops
    - Spearfish Elementary Schools Monthly Newsletters with Information of Title 1 and NCLB Requirements
2. Spearfish Elementary Schools will with the assistance of its schools, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by:
  - a. Infinite Campus
  - b. Various Workshops/Classes/Conference
  - c. Classroom Take-Home Folders
  - d. Parent/Teacher Conferences
  - e. Spearfish School District Web Site
  - f. Literacy and Math Materials for Homes
  - g. SD Parent Resource Network Materials/Workshops

- h. Spearfish Elementary Schools Monthly Newsletters with Information on Title 1 and NCLB Requirements
  - i. Transition Meetings
3. Spearfish Elementary Schools will, with the assistance of its schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value of contributions of parents, and how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools by:
- a. Various Workshops/Classes/Conferences
  - b. Classroom Take-Home Folders
  - c. Parent Teacher Conferences
  - d. Fall Title I Annual Meeting
  - e. Spearfish School District Web Site
  - f. Literacy and Math Materials for Homes
  - g. SD Parent Resource Network Materials/Workshops
  - h. Regular Spearfish Elementary Schools Updates with Information on Title 1 and ESSA Requirements as necessary
  - i. Transition Meetings Annually - Spring
- F. Spearfish Elementary Schools will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs activities with Head Start, and Spearfish Preschools and Day Care providers, and conduct other activities, such as the South Dakota Parent Resource Network and the Spearfish Elementary Schools Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) that encourage and support parents in fully participating in the education of their children, by:
- 1. Providing Family Tours at School
  - 2. Visits with Kindergarten Teachers
  - 3. Literacy and Math Materials
  - 4. Preschool Transition Team Planning
- G. Spearfish Elementary Schools will take the following actions to ensure that information relating 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 alternate formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:
- 1. Classroom Take-Home Folders
  - 2. Infinite Campus Student Information System
  - 3. SchoolReach
  - 4. DoJo

## **II. ADOPTION: SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN**

The Spearfish Elementary Schools Parent Involvement Policy has been jointly developed and agreed on with parents of children participating in Title 1, Part A programs during public/parent meetings. This policy will be distributed to all elementary parents in the Spearfish School District via the Web Site and available during Parent Teacher Conferences each year. A parent meeting will be held to review the Parent Involvement Policy annually.

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