

Gilliard Elementary

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Parent & Family Engagement Plan



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1. During the first month of school, Gilliard Elementary holds two required annual meetings of Title I parents. Parents are notified of the meeting through: (1) notices sent home with students, (2) parent bulletins mailed, (3) school messenger, (4) website notices and public postings in English and Spanish (5) as well as our social media platforms. To assist in the opportunity for all parents to attend, the meetings are offered at flexible times to accommodate all parents of students in the school. Due to the COVID-19 guidelines, this year's meeting was held via Zoom.

Topics discussed at this year's meeting(s):

- What it means to be a Title I school
- Title I statewide participation, provided services and parents' rights
- An explanation of the school's curriculum and the state's content standards
- State testing results
- The LEA Title I Plan
- The LEA Parent Involvement Plan
- School-parent compacts
- Requesting Qualifications of your Child's Teacher
- Notifications of teachers who are/are not Highly Qualified
- The Annual Evaluation of Title I parents may be involved in the 1% Set-Aside, the LEA Title 1 Plan, the CIP, the revisions of compacts, the LEA and School Parental Involvement Plans, and the Annual evaluation of the Parental Involvement Plan
- Introduction of Parent Leaders/Contacts
- Timeline for this year's Parent Involvement opportunities

2. The staff at Gilliard Elementary School believes in involving parents in all aspects of its Title I programs. A parent representative from the Parent Advisory Board is an active participant in the development of the Title I ACIP Plan and trained on Title I, Part A, parental involvement, and parents' rights. Parents serve as representatives on decision-making committees and as contacts for the Title I parents to answer questions about parental involvement and parents' rights. They assist in evaluating the parental involvement plan using the results of the annual parent

surveys. As parent leaders, they assist in the review of the parental involvement plan and the presentation to the Parent Advisory Board. Title I parents are introduced to the parent leaders at the annual Title I Meeting at the beginning of the school year. Parents are given a timeline of various parental involvement opportunities throughout the school year. We also remind parents through newsletters, the website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and school messenger.

Gilliard Elementary School uses its parental involvement funds (\$7,060.18), as follows: fund all materials and supplies for our school's parent training and for the parent center, postage, and materials for mailing parent newsletters, student planners and materials to facilitate daily communication between teachers and parents, and technology to assist parents.

3. At parent meetings throughout the school year, Gilliard Elementary School presents information about the Title I program, the curriculum, technology used, the types of academic assessments used, and ways parents can assist their children in reading and mathematics. They learn how to schedule parent-teacher conferences and are reminded how to participate in decisions related to the education of their child. We summarize Title I documents in Spanish and have hard copies available in our office and media center (other languages can be provided upon request). These are also available on our school website.

4. Gilliard Elementary School reviews its school-parent compact in May of each year. School staff members and our Title I Parent Advisory Board review the compact based on the Parental Involvement Plan and parent surveys. If necessary, changes and adjustments are made. All parents are given a copy of the new compact during the first quarter of the school year. The compact will be explained to parents. They will be asked to sign, signifying their commitment to working in partnership with the school, ensuring that their child is successful. The compacts will be discussed with the teachers at faculty meetings. Each teacher will be given the responsibility to explain the compact to the students. The teachers will sign the compacts and house them in their classrooms for use during parent-teacher and student-teacher conferences.

5. In May of each year, Gilliard Elementary School meets with its ACIP Committee to review, evaluate, and revise its ACIP. Parents on the ACIP Committee represent all parents of the school. All parents are notified of the ACIP review process through newsletters and the school website. This notice makes parents aware that the plan is under review. A copy of the plan is available for review in the school office, and on the school website. Parents have the right to give input regarding the revision of the plan. The notice states that after the plan is finalized and approved, parents have the right to submit their concerns in writing to the school. The school will submit their concerns to Central Office at the same time the ACIP Plan is submitted.

6. Gilliard Elementary School provides parenting classes throughout the year on various topics including, but not limited to: reading with your child, creating a home learning environment, working with your child's teacher, computer training, and health and safety issues. The Title I personnel are available to assist parents with materials and information. The Gilliard ACIP committee works diligently to ensure training and materials are aligned with the identified goals.

Gilliard Elementary School will continue to work with teachers through professional development, faculty meetings, and grade level meetings to understand the importance of parental involvement and to reiterate that parents are our partners. Faculty and staff will be educated on how to reach out to, communicate, and work with parents as equal partners. Programs that build ties between parents, school, and community will be implemented.

Gilliard Elementary School coordinates its parent involvement program for all Title I parents. A Parent Resource Center is open in the school offering materials and computer access. Gilliard participates in programs such as AltaPointe for counseling, and Youth and Family Services through the district attorney. Parents are invited to participate in the District Advisory Committee to fulfill other federal programs requirements.

At the present time, Gilliard Elementary School has 24 ELL students. All school communications can be sent to

parents in their native language. The district also has interpreters available upon request.

Gilliard Elementary School makes every effort to work with parents regarding their child's education. Concerned parents have requested more sessions on how to assist their children in Reading and Math. The Title 1 personnel working with the school administration and staff can accommodate both requests.

7. Gilliard Elementary School, to the extent practicable, provide opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency and parents with disabilities. Classroom teachers with ELL students have received training provided by the district. Written communication is translated when appropriate. Every effort is made to accommodate parents with disabilities. Gilliard Elementary School is a handicapped accessible facility.

Due to the current guidelines of COVID-19, all communication will be posted on social media platforms, e-mailed or mailed home for remote students, and sent home with students attending face to face. Parent meetings may be held on Google Meets or Zoom.

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