

AR  
 DEWITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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### School Parent Involvement Policy

**This form was adapted from, *A Toolkit for Title I Parent Involvement.*  
 Ferguson, C. (2009). *A Toolkit for Title I Parental Involvement.* Austin, TX: SEDL.**

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**District**

DeWitt Elementary School

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**School Improvement Status**

Achieving School

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**Grade Levels**

K-5

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**Parent Involvement Coordinator**

Paula Snyder

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**Are you Title I Schoolwide?**

- Yes  
 No  
 N/A

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**Percent of free and reduced lunch**

70%

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**Parent Involvement Committee Members**

*(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)*

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**Enter committee members**


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**First Name**


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**Last Name**


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**Position**


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**1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.**

At DeWitt Elementary School the various communication strategies used are the school website and weekly newsletters provided by the classroom teacher. In addition the teacher will send home folders containing student papers, work samples and homework. DES will provide parents with progress reports every 4 1/2 weeks and parents will receive their child's report card every 9 weeks. Parents may access their child's grades at any time using the school website and the child's password they received at the beginning of the year.

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**2. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)**

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend open house at the beginning of the school year. This provides parents an opportunity to meet their child's teacher, become familiar with our school, school procedures, and handbook and ask questions. DES teachers hold conferences individually with parents of the children in their classroom in the fall and spring semester. The math coach and teachers organize a math night in the fall semester for parents and/or students. The literacy coach is plans a literacy night for the spring semester for parents and/or students. Parents are invited to attend awards presentation at the end of each semester. Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month in the DES library. Parents are encouraged to participate in Watch Dog for Dads and Dragon Moms throughout the year. Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their child during the day. Parents may always call the office to schedule an appointment to visit with their child's teacher before school, during the teacher's preparation period or after school.

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**3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state**

**mandated parent training)?**

The DES PTO provides opportunities for the parents to sign up during open house as a volunteer for the school. These volunteers are used in the classroom, as huggers during flu shots, to help during picture day and during various programs and events. PTO is always generous to provide meals for teachers during parent teacher conferences and appreciation weeks. The dads are encouraged during Open House to sign up for our Watch Dog program and volunteer at the school. The moms are also encouraged during Open House to sign up to volunteer as a Dragon Mom. The DES will provide teachers with no fewer than 2 hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement activities.

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**4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact?**

The School Parent Compact has been distributed to students at the beginning of the school year. Parent participation by reading, signing and returning the compact could be increased, therefore, the compact will be included in the handbook beginning with the 2014-15 school year. The compact will be in the FORMS TO BE RETURNED section of the handbook.

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**5. How will your school provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program?**

Two parent representatives were invited to attend meetings regarding school wide improvement. These parents are involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide improvement plans. The school will engage them in the decision-making process regarding school programs. Another opportunity for parents is through the school's PTO. PTO meets the first Tuesday of each month in the DES library to encourage parental and community involvement.

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**6. How will your school provide resources for parents?**

Providing necessary as well as appropriate resources for parents is important. The school has purchased parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting. These materials are available for parents to review and are available in the DES library. DeWitt Elementary teachers provide parents with informational packets at the beginning of the year. Parenting, homework, and school related materials are available for the parents during parent teacher conferences. A parent resource library has been made available to parents in the conference room of the DES campus. Resources and manipulatives are housed here for parent check-out.

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**7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parental involvement efforts?**

Parents will receive a parent interest survey at the end of the year. The survey will include the following topics: Suggestions for increasing parental involvement; engagement of parents in activities supporting student growth, math and literacy nights for example, recommendations on resources for parent center, and of course determining parent specific needs.

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**8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year?**

A committee will evaluate the survey and use the information to plan parental involvement for the next school year.

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**9. When will your school plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately? (It CANNOT be held in conjunction with any other meetings or activities.)**

DeWitt Elementary School will hand out brochures at open house and have information along with a sign in sheet.

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***\*After completion of this form, the school should print and submit to district for review and approval. Once approved, the school is required to post their School Parent Plan on their website.***