

# USD 453 Title I Parent Meeting



*2019-2020 School Year*



# Why are we here?

- Informing you of your school's participation in Title I
- Explaining the requirements of Title I
- Explaining your rights as parents to be involved



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# What you will learn...

- What does it mean to be a Title I school?
- What is the Title I School Improvement Plan?
- How will I be notified if my child is taught by a teacher who is not Highly Qualified?
  - District Office will send notification in coordination with building administration
- How can I be involved in all of these things I'm learning about?



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# What does it mean to be a Title I School?

- Being a Title I school means receiving federal funding (Title I dollars) to supplement the school's existing programs. These dollars are used for...
  - Identifying students experiencing academic difficulties and providing timely assistance to help these students meet the State's challenging content standards.
  - Purchasing supplemental staff/programs/materials/supplies
  - Conducting parental involvement meetings/trainings/activities
  - Recruiting/Hiring/Retaining Highly Qualified Teachers
- Being a Title I school also means that we will continue to encourage parental involvement and parents' rights that go along with that.





# What is the building's Title I School Improvement Program?

- The Building's Title I Plan addresses how the LEA will use Title I funds throughout the school system. Topics include:
  - Student academic assessments
  - Additional assistance provided struggling students
  - Coordination and integration of federal funds and programs
  - Parental Involvement Strategies, including the District's Parental Involvement Plan
- You, as a Title I Parent, have a right to be involved in the development of the Building's Title I Plan





# Parent Involvement Policy

The mission of the Leavenworth Public Schools is to ensure high levels of learning for all students.

The Kansas State School Board of Education endorses the six National Standards for Family – School Partnerships (NSFSP) to promote parent involvement in all Kansas schools. These standards include:

1. Welcoming all families into the school community
2. Communicating effectively
3. Supporting student success
4. Speaking up for every child
5. Sharing power
6. Collaborating with our community

The Leavenworth School District is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in this district. We believe in establishing partnerships with parents and with the community. Everyone gains if the home and school work together to promote high achievement by our children. Neither home nor school can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. The support parents give their children and the school is critical to their children's success at every step along the way. We are incorporating these standards into our parent involvement policy at all elementary schools within USD #453. To see the full Parent Involvement policy, visit [www.USD453.org](http://www.USD453.org).



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# Parent Right to Know

- Whether or not the teacher has met Kansas licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas being taught;
- The baccalaureate degree and any other graduate certification or degree and the field of discipline of both;
- If services are provided by paraprofessionals, their qualifications;
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency or professional waiver.

Parents will be contacted by the school if their child(ren) is taught for four or more continuous weeks by a teacher that does not meet the appropriate state certification standards.

All students/families served in schoolwide buildings and students/families served in targeted assistance programs must complete a parent school compact.

All parents will be informed they have the right to request their child'/children's state assessment scores and they have a right to obtain the school and school district state report cards.



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# How You Can Be Involved

- Consider joining your school's PTO
- Volunteer
- Talk to your building principal about the school site council meetings.
- Look for updates on your school's website, social media, Thursday Folders, and more.
- Attend upcoming school functions and events.
- Caredox: If you have not yet updated your child's health information via Caredox, please contact the school nurse at your earliest convenience.



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