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**Squires Elementary School  
Lexington, Kentucky**

**Policy Number 9.1  
Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

At Squires Elementary, we want each child to have a successful learning experience. We believe that for this to happen, it is important for the school staff, the community and families to work together.

Parents and school staff have agreed on and developed the following Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Squires Elementary which will be posted in the school office as well as on the school website for parents and visitors to read. A copy of this policy will be included in the school newsletter. The policy will be reviewed annually for future revisions.

Recognizing that parents are a major influence in children's lives, Squires Elementary will provide an environment that encourages parental engagement and involvement in their child's education. In order to build a dynamic home – school partnership, Squires Elementary **will provide** the following:

- A warm and inviting climate
- An annual meeting (Curriculum Night) where parents will meet their child's teacher, learn about the requirements of the school's Title 1 Program , and be given an opportunity to become involved with their child's education
- Additional meetings throughout the year, in conjunction with the Family Resource Center, to provide assistance to parents in understanding the State's academic content standards, student achievement standards, as well as district academic assessments. Meetings will also focus on how parents and teachers can work together to monitor the child's progress in order to improve student achievement. A survey will be available at the end of family nights for feedback from parents.
- Materials and specific training to help parents work with their children (FRC)
- A varied schedule for meetings and conferences in order to accommodate the needs of parents.
- A minimum of two scheduled parent conferences , where the progress of the student will be discussed as well as expectations for the grade level, school curriculum, test information, and any other concerns the parent or teacher may have.
- Newsletters including parent tips and suggestions will be provided in a timely manner and in a format and language the parents can understand.
- A school – parent compact designed by parents and staff that outlines how parents, staff and students share the responsibility for improvement in learning
- A minimum of two meetings during the school year where Title 1 Advisory Council will have an opportunity to help review, plan for and make suggestions to improve the Title 1 Program, Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the School Learning Compact
- A survey of our parents to express opinions about Squires, as well as to list ideas and suggestions for improvement and topics for meetings to meet the needs of parents.

Title 1 funds may be utilized to pay for any reasonable and necessary expense such as child care, transportation, or home visit expenses to enable parents to participate.