

**TATES CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY  
2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

The staff and parents at Tates Creek Elementary School believe that a strong partnership between the home and school is necessary to ensure a quality education for all of our students. We will strive to establish an environment where parents and community feel welcome and needed and are encouraged to actively participate in the education of their children.

In support of this belief, we are committed to the concept that meaningful involvement of parents as educational partners is critical to student success. **Therefore, Tates Creek Elementary has developed a Title I Parent Involvement Policy, through joint effort and meaningful consultation and agreement with parents of our students.**

**The Title I Parent Involvement Policy provides the following:**

- The Parent Involvement Policy and descriptions of the Tates Creek Elementary Title I Program will be sent home to parents with newsletters, posted on our school's website and displayed in the office.
- A School-Parent Learning Compact will be designed by parents and staff. It will describe how parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improving student achievement.
- An annual Title I meeting (Open House) at the school to meet the staff, learn about the Title I Program, examine Title I instructional materials, receive information about Tates Creek Elementary School and its curriculum and sign the School-Parent Learning Compact. Parents will have an opportunity to become involved in their child's education as they ask questions, give input and receive additional information and clarification.
- 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 and the State student achievement standards, as well as local academic assessments. All meetings will have an academic component and will provide materials and/or specific training to help parents work with their children and teachers to improve student achievement.
- A varied schedule of meetings and parent conferences throughout the year, in order to accommodate the needs of parents. Particular topics or parent needs will be addressed through timely meetings with the Family Resource Center.
- All invitations will be sent home two weeks in advance of meetings with a reminder sent a few days prior to the meeting.
- A minimum of two parent conferences will be scheduled. The parent and teacher will discuss the progress of the student, expectations of the grade level, school curriculum, test information and any other concerns they may have.
- Newsletters informing parents of activities, programs and any other school related material as well as parenting tips and suggestions for improving student success will be provided.
- A survey will be sent home for parents to express opinions about the current Title I program, offer suggestions for improvement and list ideas for topics for meetings that will meet their needs.
- Parents will be given an opportunity to participate in at least two meetings of an Advisory Committee of the Tates Creek Elementary Title I Schoolwide Program, and they will be encouraged to share their expertise with staff. These meetings will provide an opportunity to offer suggestions, evaluate the program, share ideas and participate in planning and improving the Tates Creek Title I Schoolwide Program, and reviewing and revising the Parent Involvement Policy and the School-Parent Compact.
- Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in a format and language that they can understand. Provisions will be made for parents with limited English or disabilities. Title I funds may be utilized to pay for any reasonable and necessary expense such as transportation, child care or home visits to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.