

Title I Parental Involvement Policy

Section 1. General

Hawthorn Leadership School for Girls recognizes the importance of parental involvement in the education of their children. Hawthorn believes that the education of each student is a responsibility shared by the school, parents, families, and other members of the community. A successful partnership between parents and the school greatly enhances the school's program and improves the academic achievement of all students. Thus, Hawthorn will work to provide a variety of parental involvement activities through the school year.

Section 2. Parental Involvement Plan

Hawthorn administrators and staff and parents will jointly develop and agree upon a written parental involvement program that will be distributed to parents of all children participating in a Title I program. The written parental involvement program will be reviewed annually, and will describe how the school will:

1. Involve parents in the joint development of the Title I program plan and in the process of reviewing the implementation of the plan and suggesting improvements.
2. Provide the coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist the school in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
3. Build the school's and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement.
4. Coordinate and integrate Title I parental involvement strategies with those of other educational programs.
5. Conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content of the parental involvement program and its effectiveness in improving the academic quality of the school. This will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in activities authorized by law, particularly by parents who are economically disadvantaged, have disabilities, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background. Hawthorn will use the findings of such evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise, if necessary, the parental involvement policies.
6. Involve parents in the activities of the school.