

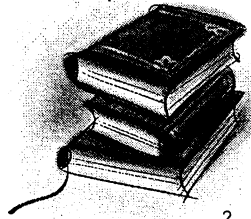


What School Districts Must Do to Involve Parents under NCLB

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Workshop Purpose

- Discuss the parent involvement requirements included in NCLB.
- Discuss why parent involvement is important for students' success

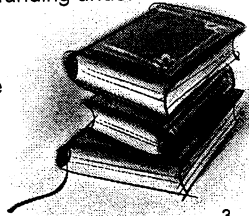


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What is NCLB?

- No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
- Federal Law
- All school districts receive funding under Title I of NCLB
- In order to receive funds, school district must involve parents in certain areas

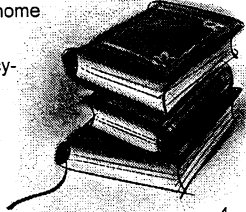


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Three Levels of Involvement

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 - Parents helping children at home
 - Parents helping at school
 - Parents participating in policy-making roles at the district.

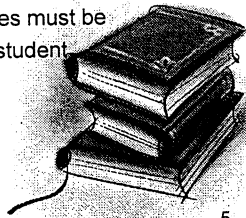


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NCLB Goal for Parent Involvement

- Parents should be included as full partners in decisions relating to the education of their children.
- Parent Involvement activities must be geared toward increasing student achievement.

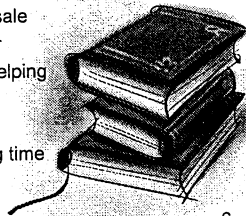


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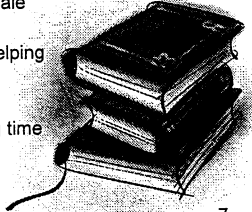
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ANSWER: A, D & F

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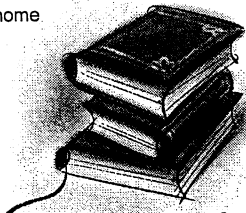


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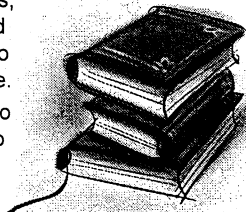


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What Does That Look Like?

- **Level I – Parent Helping Children at Home**
 - LEA provides strategies, activities, materials and resources for parents to work with child at home.
 - LEA provides training to assist parents' ability to help child.

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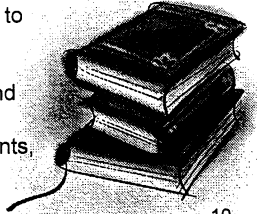


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What Does that Look Like?

• Level II – Encouraging Parents to Be Involved in School

- Opportunities for Parent to Help or Observe in the Classroom
- Review Parent Policy and Compacts
- Tutors, Teacher Assistants, Aides, etc.



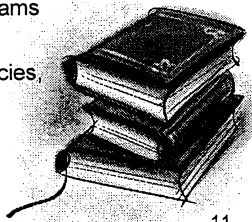
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What Does that Look Like?

• Level III – Parents as Active Partners in Developing Policy

- School Improvement Teams
- Schoolwide Teams
- Parent Involvement Policies, Compacts (required)
- Annual Review of Title I Program (required)

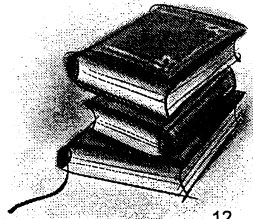


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What NCLB Says...

- Section 1118 of NCLB = Parent Involvement
- District (LEA) Requirements
- School Requirements

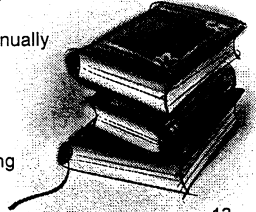


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School District Requirements

- District (LEA) Parent Policies
 - Defines District Expectations
 - Describes the support the district provides to staff for Parent Involvement
 - Disseminate to parents annually
- Parent Decision Making
 - 1% Title I set aside
 - If over \$500,000
 - Input for Policies/Compacts/Planning

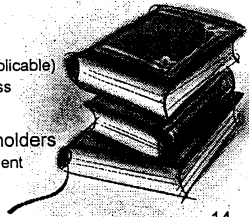


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Building Requirements

- School Level Parent Involvement Plans (for Title I schools)
 - Describes opportunities for parents to be involved
 - Workshops
 - Meetings
 - Input on Set Asides (when applicable)
 - Must involve parents in process
- Parent/School Compacts
 - Describes plan for all stakeholders
 - Shared Responsibility for student achievement

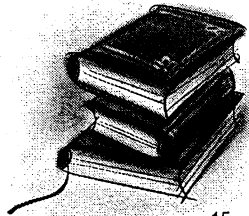


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Removing Barriers

- NCLB Section 1118 allows using Title I funds for parent involvement to remove barriers for parents to participate in school activities:
 - Translation (required)
 - Childcare
 - Transportation
 - Off-site meetings
 - Adult Literacy
 - Instructional incentives



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Why is Parent Involvement Important?

- Students whose families are involved in their learning:
 - Better grades/test scores
 - Enroll in higher-level programs
 - Higher graduation rates
 - More likely to go to college

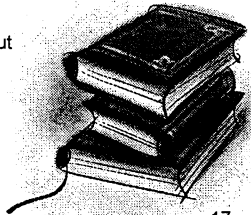


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Why is Parent Involvement Important?

- When families take an active interest in what students are learning...
 - Students display more positive attitude toward school
 - Behave better both in and out of school

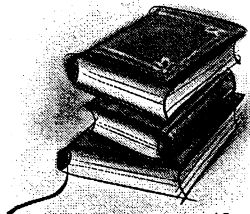


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Why is Parent Involvement Important?

- Children do best if parents play a variety of roles in their learning
 - Helping at home
 - Volunteering at school
 - Planning their child's future
 - Taking part in key decisions about the school program

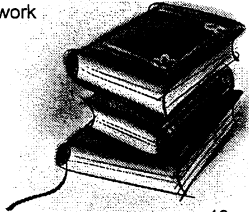


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Why is Parent Involvement Important?

- Middle and High School students whose families remain involved in these ways...
 - Make better transitions
 - Maintain the quality of their work
 - Develop realistic plans for their future
 - Are less likely to drop out

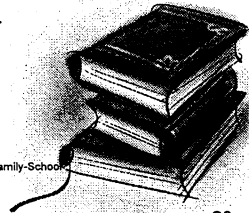


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Why is Parent Involvement Important?

- Children from diverse cultural backgrounds tend to do better when families and school staff join forces to bridge the gap between home and school cultures.



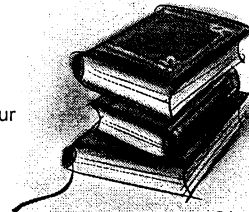
*From "Beyond the Bake Sale: The Essential Guide to Family-School Partnerships", pp. 2-3

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What can you do?

- Attend meetings and workshops when offered
- Help develop and review your School Policies
- Provide input on the Parent Compacts
- Meet your Title I Coordinator
- Talk with other parents
- Stay in regular contact with your child's teacher

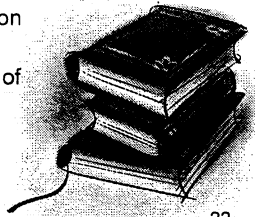


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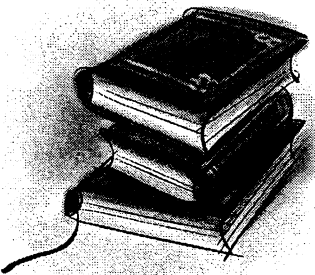
Resources

- Title I State Parent Advisory Council (SPAC)
– www.spac.k12.pa.us
- PA Department of Education
– www.pde.state.pa.us
- United States Department of Education
– www.ed.gov



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Questions and Answers

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