

District Parent Involvement Plan – Title I

North Lakes
Academy
Title I Parent Involvement Plan
2015-16

District Mission Statement emphasizing Parental Involvement

North Lakes Academy is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in this district. To this end, we want to establish partnerships with parents and with the community. Everyone gains if school and home 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. Their support for their children and for the school is critical to their children's success at every step along the way.

Part I. District Expectations

Each school district must establish the district's expectations for parent involvement. [Section 1118(a)(2), ESEA.]

North Lakes Academy agrees to implement the following requirements:

North Lakes Academy will put into operation programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I programs. Those programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.

North Lakes Academy will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level Parent Involvement Plan meets the Title I requirements, and include, as a component, a school-parent compact.

North Lakes Academy will incorporate this district-wide Parent Involvement Plan into its district plan.

In carrying out the Title I parent involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the North Lakes Academy and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents of children with limited English proficiency, parents of children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand.

If the North Lakes Academy plan for Title I is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to Minnesota Department of Education.

If applicable, North Lakes Academy will involve the parents of children served in Title I schools in decisions about how the one percent of Title I funds reserved for parent involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.

Part II. District Parent Involvement Plan Required Components

North Lakes Academy will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development/revision of its district parent involvement plan.

1. How will parents be included in development/revising the parent involvement plan?
 - Annual Title I Parent Meeting
 - Spring 2016 (March)
 - Todd Nesvold
 - 651-982-2773

North Lakes Academy will involve parents in the joint development of the district plan, review and improvement [i.e. district plan, section 1112, schoolwide section 1114, and/or school improvement section 1116].

2. How will the district involve parents in the joint development of the Title I plan?
 - Annual Title I Parent Meeting
 - Spring 2016 (March)
 - Todd Nesvold
 - 651-982-2773
3. How will the district inform parents of the school report card?
 - The School Report Card is accessible through MDE and a link will be provided on North Lakes Academy website.
 - September 2015
 - Chris Stewart
 - 651-982-2688
4. How will the district notify the parents that the district has been identified that it needs improvement?
 - The School Report Card is accessible through MDE and a link will be provided on North Lakes Academy website.
 - September 2015
 - Chris Stewart
 - 651-982-2688
5. How will the district consult with parents about the district plan for improvement?
 - Annual Title I Parent Meeting
 - Spring 2016 (March)
 - Todd Nesvold
 - 651-982-2773
6. How will the district conduct staff development for implementing effective strategies for parental involvement?
 - Development led by Special Education Department for entire staff.
 - Throughout 2015-16 school year
 - Todd Nesvold
 - 651-982-2773
7. North Lakes Academy will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, through the following activities specifically described below.

- Todd Nesvold
 - 651-982-2773
8. North Lakes Academy will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parent involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below.
- Parent Advisory Group Meetings
 - Monthly throughout 2015-16 SY
 - Cam Stottler
 - 651-982-2688
9. North Lakes Academy will, with the assistance of its Title I schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
- the state's academic content standards
 - the state's student academic achievement standards,
 - the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
 - the requirements of Title I,
 - how to monitor their child's progress, and
 - how to work with educators
10. North Lakes Academy will, with the assistance of its Title I schools, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parent involvement.
- YouTube tutorial videos supplied by NLA
 - Throughout 2015-16 SY
 - Cam Stottler
 - 651-982-2688
11. North Lakes Academy will, with the assistance of its Title I schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools.
- Parent Advisory Group and Staff Meetings
 - Monthly for PAG/Weekly for Staff Meetings
 - Cam Stottler
 - 651-982-2688
13. North Lakes Academy will take the following actions to ensure that Title I information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.
- Communication via mailings, Facebook, Constant Contact, Twitter
 - Throughout 2015-16SY
 - Jennie Senapatiratne

- 651-982-2688

14. North Lakes Academy will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parent involvement plan in improving the quality of its Title I schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parent involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parent involvement plan and activities to design strategies for more effective parent involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parent involvement plan.

List actions, such as describing how the evaluation will be conducted, identifying who will be responsible for conducting it and explaining what role parents will play.

- Title I Parent Meeting
- March 2016
- Todd Nesvold
- 651-982-2688

15. North Lakes Academy will involve parents in the decisions regarding how funds reserved for parent involvement activities will be allocated:

- Title I Parent Meeting
- March 2016
- Todd Nesvold
- 651-982-2688

Part III. Discretionary District Parent Involvement Plan Components North Lakes Academy Parent Involvement Plan may include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the school district, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school and school system to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following:

- Involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training.
- Provide necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds, if the school district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training.
- Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- Train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents.
- In order to maximize parent involvement and participation in their children's education, arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend those conferences at school.

- Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent involvement.
- Establish a district parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parent involvement in Title I, Part A programs.
- Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parent involvement activities.
- Provide other reasonable support for parent involvement activities under section 1118 as parents may request.

Part IV. Adoption

North Lakes Academy Parental Involvement Plan has been developed/revised jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I programs, as evidenced by meeting minutes.

This Parent Involvement Plan was developed/revised by North Lakes Academy on 8/24/15 and will be in effect for the period of school year 2015-16. North Lakes Academy will distribute this plan to all parents of participating Title I children on or before September 1, 2015.
