



Coldspring-Oakhurst High School

Parent Involvement Policy (2009-2010)

Title I and the Law

The purpose of Title I is to improve the basic programs of Coldspring-Oakhurst High School, and to provide opportunities for children to acquire the knowledge and skills contained in the state content standards (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills-TEKS). The most recent law that affects Title I is the No Child Left Behind Act (Public Law 107-110). The law requires:

- That school districts have a written policy regarding parental involvement;
- That parents be involved in the design, operation and evaluation of Title I;
- That parents be consulted about home/school activities and be trained to help their children;
- That whenever possible, activities should be presented in the language spoken by the majority of the Title I parents.

Districts receiving Title I, Part A funds must implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in the Title I program. A written parent involvement policy must be developed and agreed upon jointly with parents and distributed to parents. Parental involvement is a requirement as one of the ten components of a School wide Title I program.

School Expectations

Coldspring-Oakhurst High School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements.

- Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will jointly develop with parents and distribute to parents of participating children, a School Parental Involvement Policy upon which the school and parents of participating children agree
- Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will notify parents about the Parental Involvement Policy in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practical, will distribute this policy to parents in a language the parents can understand.
- Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will make the School Parental Involvement Policy available to the local community.
- Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will periodically update the School Parental Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of the parents and the school.
- Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will adopt the schools' School Parental Compact as a component of its School Parent Involvement Policy.
- Coldspring-Oakhurst High School agrees to be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs and activities and procedures in accordance to with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring-

- A. That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- B. That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- C. That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
- D. The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

Implementation of the Parent Involvement Policy

1. Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development and agreement of its School Parental Involvement Policy:

Meetings held in conjunction with the SBDM team; Parent Surveys sent home each school year. Final draft reviewed and adopted by the Coldspring-Oakhurst High School Site-Based Decision Making team meetings announced through Web pages and Global Connect phone calls.

2. Distribution of the Parent Involvement Policy to the parents of participating children and the local community by:

Having it available at parent meetings and sending it home, upon request. The policy will also be available in the front office of the school.

3. Updates of the School Parental Involvement Policy will be made periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school by:

The Parent Involvement Policy reviewed and updated each year via staff, teacher and parental input.

4. Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will meet annually to inform parents of the following:

Title One participation- Parents notified of the annual meeting via Global Connect. The meeting will revolve around other school activities taking place, such as Open House or Orientation. An open invitation will be placed on our Campus web page, through notices sent home with the students, and via Global Connect phone calls.

5. Coldspring-Oakhurst High School may hold a flexible number of meetings varying times, and may provide child care, and/or home visits, paid for with Title I funding as long as these services relate to parental involvement:

Times set for the convenience of parents involved; phone calls may be given, as well as a personal invitations sent home in advance. Meetings will be held in a comfortable setting.

6. Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will provide information about Title I Programs to parents of participating children in a timely manner:

An overview of Title I will be discussed at the parent meeting held in the Fall.

7. Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will provide to parents a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at Coldspring-Oakhurst High School and proficiency levels they are required to meet:

Progress Reports sent home once each grading period. Individual daily grades can be viewed on the District website; results of standardized tests may be sent home upon request.

8. Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will provide parents of participating children opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible:

Site Base Committee allows for parental involvement; Title I meeting each Fall; Regular Parent Involvement Meetings; Individual conferences held on an as needed basis.

9. Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will submit to the district any parent comments if the school wide plan under section (1114)(b)(2) is not satisfactory to parents of participating children:

Comment forms available in the front office; read and considered.

Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

1. Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and support a partnership among our school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

Holding an annual Open House, offering parent Booster Club possibilities, and other activities.

2. Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will incorporate the school-parent compact as a component of its School Parental Involvement Policy:

The school-parent compact distributed within the Student/Parent Handbook at the beginning of each new school year; Parents are to complete the compact and return to their child's teacher.

3. Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will, with the assistance of its district, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school in understanding topics such as the following:

Overview of curriculum and standards during Meet the Teacher; Academic Standards and Report Cards reviewed during Parent/Teacher Conferences; Explanation of Title I Program by Director of Special Populations and Parent/Teacher phone calls made as needed.

4. Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will, with assistance of its district 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, by:

Holding an annual Open House, offering parent Booster Club possibilities, and other entities.

5. Coldspring-Oakhurst High School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, take the following actions to ensure that 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:

Information regarding parental involvement activities sent home in a timely manner via Global Connect phone calls. Information will also be posted on the school website.