



San Diego Unified School District
MIRA MESA HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY 2018-2019

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In the fall, an annual meeting will be held to share with parents a description of the Title I program and its requirements.

- **Mira Mesa High School** has developed a written parental involvement policy with input from Title I parents during monthly Site Governance Team, SSC meetings and biannual Principal Chats.

The policy is distributed to all parents through the Student Parent Handbook on the MMHS website. Each year, when parents/guardians register students, they sign that they have reviewed the handbook. The policy describes the means for carrying out the following parental involvement opportunities.

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Involvement of Parents in the Program:

To include parents in the Title I program at *Mira Mesa High School*, the following practices have been established:

- The school convenes annual meetings to inform parents of Title I students about their rights to be involved in school programs: Freshman and New Student Orientation, Fall Open House, and 8th grade Open House.
- The school offers a flexible number of meetings for Title I parents, such as meetings in the morning and evening: Principal Chat with the Principal once each semester, annual evening grade level meetings to review diploma requirements, and post-secondary options/financial support.
- The school involves parents of Title I students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's programs and parental involvement policy. Time is set aside each year at the governance, SSC, and PTO meetings for parents to review and give suggestions regarding programs and parent involvement policy.
- The school provides parents of Title I students with timely information about programs in the following ways: The MASK (a weekly published parent newsletter), messages posted on the electronic marquee, school messenger, and school website which includes an activities calendar.
- The school provides parents of Title I students with an explanation of the curriculum used at the school, assessments used to measure student progress, and proficiency levels students are expected to meet: Parents can access college planning through *Naviance*, student performance through *PowerSchool*, assessment techniques and expected proficiencies through syllabi on teacher webpages. Additional information can be found in the Student-Parent Handbook and on the MMHS Website.
- If requested by parents of Title I students, the school provides opportunities for parents to participate in decisions relating to the education of their child through meetings with the student's counselor or Vice Principal. Parents of students receiving special

education services can participate in such decisions at IEP meetings.

School-Parent Compact

Mira Mesa High School distributes to parents of Title I students a school-parent compact. The compact, (which has been jointly developed with parents, outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students) will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It describes specific ways the school and families will partner to help children achieve the State's high academic standards. It addresses the following legally required items, as well as other items suggested by parents of Title I students.

- The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction.
- The ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning.
- The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers through, at a minimum, annual parent-teacher conferences; frequent reports on student progress; access to staff; opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class; and opportunities to observe classroom activities.

This compact is created with parents, students, and staff input at SSC meetings.

Building Capacity for Involvement

Mira Mesa High School engages Title I parents in meaningful interactions with the school. It supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school has established the following practices.

- The school provides Title I parents with assistance in understanding the State's academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children. Mira Mesa High School holds regular meetings such as Principal Chats, Fall Open House, Dive into High School, 8th grade Open House. Information regarding these events are sent home in a variety of avenues and posted to the school website. The school also provides information and data to parents via report cards, student handbook, and PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- The school provides Title I parents with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve achievement. Mira Mesa provides numerous opportunities for parents to get involved and learn about the curriculum, assessments, data, and progress through SGT, SSC, Open House, and Cluster Meetings.
- With the assistance of Title I parents, the school educates staff members about the value of parent contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners. Staff at Mira Mesa High School value parent involvement and the commitment to their students' education. Staff will make time in their day or after school to meet with a family to discuss how to best support the needs of their child.
- The school coordinates and integrates the Title I parental involvement program with other programs, and conducts other activities, such as parent resource centers to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. Mira Mesa High School believes in input from all committees and subgroups, such as Principal Chats, School Site Governance, School Site Council, Cluster meetings, and Instructional Leadership Team.
- The school staff distributes information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to Title I parents in a format and language that parents understand. School personnel is committed to sending messages and written communication in a family's native language.
- The school provides support for parental involvement activities requested by Title I parents.

Mira Mesa High School offers activities such as information nights, college fairs, Dive in High School, and award nights.

Accessibility

Mira Mesa High School provides opportunities for participation of all Title I parents, including parents with Limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory students. Information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parent can understand. Translators are provided for parent-teacher-student meetings. The school provides an on-site bilingual staff member who assistants with attendance, graduation issues, and parent conference.