

Academy for Business & Technology Middle/High School
Title I Parent Involvement Policy

The administration, staff and parents of the Academy for Business & Technology Middle/High School (ABTH) believe that the improved academic achievement of each student is a responsibility shared by the entire school community.

Our Parental Involvement Policy and Parental Involvement Plan provide an opportunity for teachers, administrative staff, parents and students to share procedures and discuss policies beneficial to the education effort at ABTH.

Parent involvement activities in the Parental Involvement Plan will include opportunities for:

- Parents to volunteer or join our school parent organization (PO)
- Parents to participate in our School Improvement process
- Parents to be involved in school activities with their children
- Parents to participate with the School Improvement Team on the formulation of school policy
- Parents to provide home support for their children's education

RESPONSIBILITIES

The school will:

- Provide a high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling students to meet the state academic standards as measured by the MEAP and ACT/MME, and other assessments. The school will employ only highly qualified teachers and instructors who will be provided professional development and will continually update resources and maintain an environment that facilitates learning. Involve parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way in planning, review and improvement of the Title I programs, plans and policies. These parent meetings occur monthly throughout the school year.
- Provide the Parental Involvement Policy in an understandable and uniform format, fully accessible to parents either in person at the school, during monthly parent meetings, or through other correspondence such as newsletters, website, or Facebook.
- At the annual Back to School Night in August, inform parents of the ABTH's participation in Title I, the requirements of Title I and the benefits of parental involvement in their child's school.
- If requested by parents, provide opportunities for parents to meet with teachers and school staff outside the scheduled PO meetings to discuss school procedures or policy, particularly as it pertains to Title I.
- Administrators will provide timely responses to parents' suggestions and questions.

With regard to professional development, the school will:

- Provide training to school staff to strengthen parent involvement efforts relating to:
 - the value and utility of contributions of parents
 - how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners
 - implementing and coordinating parent programs
 - building ties between parents and the school
 - parental participation in homework and teacher communication
- Provide resources to help parents work with their students to improve home educational support:
 - Website parent pages
 - Parent/teacher conferences
 - Daily and weekly academic progress reports
- Advise parents on their student's progress on a regular basis via phone calls and letters home
- Teachers and staff will be readily accessible to parents to the extent practicable to discuss parental concerns and decisions relating to their students education and well-being.
- Discuss the parent-student-teacher compact expressed in the School Handbook disseminated and signed for by parents at the beginning of the school year.
- Provide an open invitation to parents to visit their students classroom and to volunteer at the school

ABTH is very proud of the direction the school is progressing toward and the goals that have been achieved. Strengthening parental involvement, as research has shown, will ensure continuous improvement.