

EAST MACHIAS SCHOOLS TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

This school policy has been developed in consultation with the parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs at East Machias Schools. It includes a “School-Parent Compact” that outlines the manner in which parents, school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. The building principal/designee will be responsible for distributing this policy to parents/guardians of students participating in the school's Title I programs.

SCHOOL WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

At various points during the course of the school year, East Machias Schools offers school wide parental activities that parents/guardians of students identified for Title IA services can participate. These are listed below:

Open House – September
Parent/Teacher Conferences – November & May
Curriculum Fair – May
P.A.W.S. Meetings – TBA

In addition, there are other less structured opportunities for parental interaction with staff members such as book fairs, fund raisers, and extra curricular activities. In each case, parent/guardians will be notified through a variety of methods: website, newsletters, or mailings. Parents are strongly encouraged to take full advantage of these events to make strong, supportive connections with staff members.

TITLE IA MEETING

NCLB legislation requires that school officials receive input from parents/guardians regarding the design and implementation of Title IA programming. This meeting is specifically for the parents/guardians of TIA identified students and is typically more formal than the activities described above. Potential topics for this meeting could include:

- An overview of Title IA and the programs the school provides under Title IA
- A description of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet
- Give parents/guardians an opportunity to ask questions and engage in informal discussion regarding the NCLB application and its provisions
- Respond to requests or questions from parents regarding the general education of their children.

Due to the timing of student assessments and the timeframe for the construction of the NCLB performance report and application, this meeting is held during the month of May.