

**Athens Area School District
Title I Parental and Family Involvement Policy
2016-2017**

**Athens Area Elementary Schools which consist of SRU Elementary School and
Lynch-Bustin Elementary School**

Grades K – 5

Athens Area Elementary Schools Title I Program currently operates as a Schoolwide Program. In a Schoolwide Title I program, ALL children are considered Title I and ALL staff are considered Title I teachers and staff. The main goal is to ensure all students are provided instruction to promote growth. **Parents need to be aware that all students will receive intervention through the Response to Instruction and Intervention (RtII) process.**

At Athens Area Elementary Schools, a committee of school staff members and parent volunteers are actively involved in the planning, reviewing and improvement of the Parent Involvement Policy, and the school compact.

An annual meeting will be held at each elementary building to inform parent/family of the Schoolwide Title I Program, the requirements, and the parents' right to be involved. In addition, Title I will provide parents with informational sessions in regards to RtII and literacy.

Evaluation forms, surveys, and questionnaires may be used to gather parent/family input for planning, reviewing and improving the Schoolwide Program. Committee meetings, parent conferences, phone conferences, Back to School Night, and other school activities will be held throughout the year at various times for parents to communicate with teachers. Title I funds may be used to pay for expenses associated with parent involvement activities.

Parent/Families will be informed of the Title I Program through an informational letter and invitation to attend a parent meeting describing the program. Parent meetings will be held at various times during the school year.

The Athens Area Elementary Schools will distribute a copy of the School-Parent Compact. Parents/Families will also be informed of the school curriculum and assessments by attending Back to School Night and talking with the child's teachers. In addition, curriculum information will be posted on the district website. PowerSchool, DIBELS parent reports, F&P level reports, PSSA results, and iReady reports may be used to measure student progress and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. Staff will be available to assist parents/families in understanding the PA Core State Academic standards, local and state assessments and ways to help assist their child's progress in these areas. As part of the Academic Performance Review Team, staff may meet with parents/families to formulate suggestions and make decisions relating to the education of the child in a timely manner, when appropriate. Therefore,

parents will have the opportunity to formulate suggestions and participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children.

The Athens Area Elementary Schools Title I Schoolwide Program will provide opportunities for parents/families to work with the child to improve achievement by conducting learning activities which foster student success with an emphasis on parent/family involvement. Parents/Families will be encouraged to participate in school activities and to attend training sessions presented by school staff or out-of-district presenters.

Learning takes place best when there is a combined effort on the part of the home and school working together. It is our belief that together we can achieve a quality education for all students. A school-parent/family compact has been created which describes the school, parent/family and student's responsibilities for improved student achievement. The policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed upon by parents and staff of children in the Athens Area School District.