



New Castle Elementary School **Parental Involvement Policy**



2021-2022

New Castle Elementary School will implement programs, activities, and procedures in its Title I program in compliance of Sections 1111, 1112, 1116, and 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). These guidelines will be developed jointly with parents of participating Title I children and will be reviewed annually.

We are committed to working together to provide the best education for your children. We believe that a partnership must exist between our parents and our school. We encourage and need your input in making our school the best it can be. Thank you for staying involved in your child's education. We look forward to a successful year. If you have any questions, please call our school.

Statement of Purpose:

The faculty of our school is committed to providing a quality education for all students and to recognizing the essential role of parents and the value of their input.

1. School staff will carry out regular, two-way and meaningful communication to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction. There will also be opportunities throughout the school year for parents to review and amend the Title I documents with parent-friendly wording.

- The school will distribute a newsletter to parents that includes school news, a calendar of school activities, and parenting tips relating to school achievement such as homework tips, organizational skills, and study skills.
- The school has its own web site which houses a website for each grade level. Pertinent information will be available on those websites. Also, parents can access their child's progress information using the DSC Parent Portal. Parents may use e-mail to communicate with members of the school staff. The school web address is:
<http://newcastle.colonial.k12.de.us/>
- The school will provide parents with report cards every nine weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress.
- The school will send ALERT NOW messages and post notices on the school website with information about parent workshops and meetings.
- The school will provide, whenever practical, pertinent school information in the parent's native language.

2. The school will hold parent meetings, conferences, and activities regularly throughout the year to increase parental involvement.

- These meetings will include a family reading night that provides an opportunity for parents and their child to experience the school situation.

- Teachers will hold individual conferences with parents of children in their classrooms.
 - The school will engage parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for student learning:
 - 1) Book fair helpers
 - 2) Awards day presentations
 - 3) Field day volunteers
 - 4) Family reading nights
 - 5) Open house
 - 6) Parent–school organization
 - 7) Choir and Band concerts
- 3. The school will work with the Parent Input Committee to create a School–Parent–Student Compact.**
- School staff and parents will develop a school–parent–student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state’s high academic standards.
 - Compacts will be filed and maintained by the school annually.
- 4. The school will provide an opportunity for parents to engage in decision– making processes regarding the school’s Title I, Part A program.**
- The school will engage parents in decisions about the allocation of its’ Title I, Part A funds for parental involvement.
- 5. The school will engage parents in an evaluation of parental involvement efforts.**
- An online survey will be maintained and parent responses will be analyzed.
 - The Parent Input Committee, made up of teachers, parents, and school staff, will determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted.

The New Castle Elementary School Guidelines for Parent Involvement were jointly developed and agreed on with parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by the Parent Involvement Summit on May 8, 2014. These guidelines will be included in the parent handbook which will be distributed to all parents during the first marking period of the 2020-2121 school year.