

Meade School District 46-1
“To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow”

Sturgis Elementary
Title I Policy on Parent Engagement
2020-2021

It is the intent of Sturgis Elementary Schoolwide Title I program to encourage family involvement, which is vital to and an integral part of the successful achievement of every student in the school. The school will take the following steps to encourage family involvement:

IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Sturgis Elementary Schoolwide Title I program will annually invite and encourage all families of children that attend our school to at least one meeting per year to share goals, program focus, and activities provided to the students. The findings from this meeting will be used to design strategies for more effective family involvement, and to revise, if necessary, its parent involvement Schoolwide Title I policies by:
 - Educating families on their rights and privileges to participate in coordinating the Schoolwide Title I program
 - Providing on-going personal communication (personal contact, phone calls, e-mails, letters, and notes) between home and school
 - Arranging school meetings at a variety of times and/or locations to accommodate family needs
 - Policy reviews
 - Annual family surveys
 - Hosting the Family Involvement Committee meeting in April for future program planning
 - Dissemination of information throughout the school year
 - Family engagement activities

2. The Sturgis Elementary Schoolwide Title I program will annually provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance through:
 - Policy reviews
 - Family surveys
 - Invitation to the Federal Programs Advisory Committee
 - Family Involvement Committee held at Sturgis Elementary in the spring
 - Paying reasonable and necessary expenses for family attendance at nationally or locally sponsored conferences or workshops
 - Common Sense Parenting classes
 - Meade School District 46-1 website
 - Articles in the local newspapers, radio and television stations

3. Sturgis Elementary shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, annually coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Head Start, public preschools, and other community programs. Sturgis Intermediate will sustain activities listed below that encourage and support parents to participate in the education of their children.
 - Provide literacy and math materials
 - Preschool Transition Team planning
 - Encourage family volunteering at Sturgis Elementary
 - Summer meetings with Head Start
 - Transition planning
 - School tours
 - Kindergarten/Preschool screening
 - Coordination of confidential records
 - Inform families of the purpose and existence of the SD Parent Resource Network website
 - Invite Head Start and Parents As Teachers to Schoolwide Title I Family Engagement activities
 - Develop and maintain community relationships to enhance family involvement

4. Sturgis Elementary shall provide assistance to the families of children served in the Schoolwide Title I program, an understanding of such topics as the state's academic content standards, local academic assessments, and how to monitor a child's progress. Sturgis Elementary will work with families to improve the achievement of their children through the following:
 - Availability of Intervention Teachers
 - Various workshops/classes/conferences
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences in October and February
 - Standard Based report cards
 - Provide information on South Dakota Educational Standards
 - Explanation of state and local assessments
 - Articles regarding educational highlights and resources in school newsletters
 - Sdsfec.org
 - Meade School District 46-1 website (www.meade.k12.sd.us)
 - Family Engagement activities concentrating on literacy and math
 - Encouragement of family volunteering at Sturgis Elementary
 - Support Parent/Teacher Association (PTA)

5. Sturgis Elementary shall educate its teachers, administrators, and other staff how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with families as equal partners, in the value of contributions of parents, and how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools by:
 - Professional Development in how to read and interpret the NWEA reports given to parents at parent/teacher conferences.

- Input provided to teachers on good techniques to create a positive relationship with parents through their communication.
 - Promote specific individual progress to be noted in the comment sections of the standard based report card.
 - Urge all teachers to attend family engagement activities at the building level and make connections with families.
 - Infinite Campus
 - Various workshops/classes/conferences
 - Progress Reports
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences in October and February
 - Meade School District 46-1 website
 - Teachers send literacy and math materials/activities for home use
 - Parent Resources are shared from: sdsfec.org
- Annual invitation to parents and teachers to participate in the Title I Family Involvement Committee
 - Attendance Parent/Teacher Association Meetings
6. Sturgis Intermediate will take the following actions to ensure that information relating to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are available, including alternate formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.
- All communication to families, including school and district newsletters
 - Infinite Campus
 - School Messenger

ACCESSIBILITY

In carrying out the family involvement requirements, Sturgis Elementary shall, to the extent practical, provide full opportunities for the participation of families of children with limited English proficiency, families of children with disabilities, and parents/guardians of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in a format to the extent practical, in a language such families can understand. For more information or assistance, call: Sturgis Elementary at 605-347-2648 or Special Services Office at 605-347-4770.

ADDITIONAL FAMILY INVOLVEMENT COMPONENTS FOR THE STURGIS ELEMENTARY TITLE I PROGRAM

At Open House festivities at the beginning of the year, all parents receive access to the Title I Schoolwide and Districtwide Parent Involvement Policies as well as the compact between educators, parents, and students. Information on these policies is also found in the student handbook and school website. In addition, parents receive information about the Schoolwide Title I program through the monthly newsletter. The newsletter shares information on how any or all

students can be supported through the Schoolwide Title I program. A compact is given to all students and parents at the Open House.

Parents/guardians are informed of their child's progress, placement, proficiency level, and methods they can use to compliment their child's instruction at least on a trimester basis, including parent-teacher conferences.

The District wide Parent Advisory Council continues to provide advice and guidance on family engagement activities and issues.

Overall, Sturgis Elementary and the Meade School District 46-1 will work to promote a positive partnership between the parents and the Schoolwide Title I program at our school.

Curriculum

English/Language Arts: McGraw Hill Wonders

English/Language Arts Intervention: McGraw Hill WonderWorks, Leveled Literacy Intervention, Lexia

Math: Pearson Envision and Dreambox

