

# Sioux Valley Elementary School

## Parent Involvement Policy

Sioux Valley Elementary School will complete the following in order to ensure that our school encourages and promotes parent involvement.

- Sioux Valley will convene on October 3, 2016 for their annual meeting. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Our school will inform parents of our school's participation in Title I and explain the requirements and the rights of the parents to be involved. The annual meeting will also provide parents with professional development in direct correlation with the state's core standards. A survey will be mailed to each Title I parent in April. This survey will ask for parent input on the Title I program.
- Our school will involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs including planning, review and improvement of the School Parental Involvement policy. Suggestions will be noted at each meeting to revise the Parent Involvement Policy. The Policy will be revised in May by the parents after the survey is received. In the fall, the parents will be given a copy of our School-Parent Compact to sign and return to the Title I teacher.
- Our school will provide parents of participating children:
  - Timely information about the Title I program. The information will be given by phone calls, fliers, conferences and surveys.
  - Description and explanation 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. This information is given to parents at Elementary registration in August and revisited at the February conferences.
  - If requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate in decisions relating to the education of their child, and respond to any suggestions as soon as possible. Please contact Mrs. Trudy Quail, phone 627-5657, ext. 212 if you have any questions.
  - Our school will provide assistance to the parents of our children in understanding such topics as the State's academic core standards and the assessments and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of all of our children. This will be fulfilled at parent- teacher student conferences, one annual Title I Curriculum Night,

Elementary Open House, and Elementary registration. Our counselor, principal, and teachers will be available for explanation of these assessments. The student's scores will be shared with each parent along with setting goals for the next year.

- Our school will educate teachers, principals, and other staff in the value of parent involvement and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school. This will take place during our school's in-services.
- Our school will coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Head Start, public preschools, Parent Teacher Organization and all relevant entities. Our school will also utilize the parent resource network to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. The annual early childhood screening will be held in October and the Kindergarten screening will be held in February. All programs are in coordination by telephone, email, and meetings pertaining to the needs of a specific child or children.
- Our school will ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and to the extent practical, in a language parents can understand. Our school disseminates information via the local newspaper (The Volga Tribune), the schools website (Siouxvalleyschools@k12.sd.us) and fliers.
- Our school will provide support for parental involvement activities through the schools Home Page, school open house, annual Title I Curriculum night, and PTO meetings. Parents are also asked and encouraged to observe/volunteer time in their child's classroom.
- Our school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in a format and to the extent practical; in a language such parents can understand. Please contact Mr. Strombom, the school counselor, if you have any questions. His contact number is 627-5657 ext. 216.
- Our school will assist parents of parental organizations by informing them of such existence and purpose of these centers at our annual open houses. Literature is disseminated throughout the year to ensure that all requirements of Title I are met.