REMINDER
Title I
Parent Involvement

Since a new school year has begun, it is a good time to review the Parent Involvement Requirements in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The requirements listed below apply to all **Title I schools**.

- Both the district and all Title I schools must annually review and update the Parent Involvement Policies. **A Parent Involvement Policy** should include the following at a minimum:

  - Involve parents in developing district/school improvement plans;
  - Offer technical assistance and coordination to help schools plan parent involvement activities to improve student and school academic performance;
  - Build school and parent capacities for strong parent involvement;
  - Coordinate and integrate parent involvement strategies with other programs, such as Head Start and any early childhood program currently exists in your district; and
  - Annually evaluate with parents the effectiveness of the policy in academically improving district schools.

- Schools are required to convene an **annual meeting** to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs.

- **Parent-School Compacts** must be signed and kept on file each year.

- Parents of all children in a Title I school must be aware of **"Parents Right to Know"**. Parents have the right to request the following information:

  - Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
  - Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived;
  - The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
  - Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and, if so, their qualifications.
  - Whether a child has been assigned to, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who is not highly qualified**.**

More detailed information can be found in **The Parent Involvement Fact Sheet** online at http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3784. Questions regarding Parent Involvement should be directed to Chris Macy at cmacy@ksde.org or 785-296-3287.