

Independent School District #81 (Comfrey Public School) Parent Involvement Plan 2020-2021

Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in this district. To this end, we want to establish partnerships with parents and with the community. Everyone gains if school and home work together to promote high achievement by our children. Neither home nor school can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. Their support for their children and for the school is critical to their children's success at every step along the way.

PART I. DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS

The Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) agrees to implement the following requirements:

- Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I programs. Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will work to ensure that the required school-level parent involvement plan meets the Title I requirements, and includes, as a component, a school-parent compact.
- Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will incorporate this district-wide parent involvement plan into its district plan.
- In carrying out the Title I parent involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public 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 an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) plan for Title I is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit

any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to Minnesota Department of Education.

- Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will inform parents and parental organizations of the purpose and existence of the Parental Information and Resource Center in Minnesota: PACER Center, Inc.8161 Normandale Blvd. Bloomington, MN 55437; tel: 1.800.537.2237 or 952.838.9000

PART II. DISTRICT/SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN REQUIRED COMPONENTS

1. Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of the Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) parent involvement plan:
 - Parents and staff will be informed about the conditions of the sample policy and reviewed. Input from all sources will be shared, and the plan will be developed.
2. Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will involve parents in the process of district and school plan, review by:
 - Parents will be informed of the school report card from school connections and web-sites and notices.
 - If the district becomes a district that needs improvement, in which case parents will be notified by a letter from the district.
 - Students will be identified by standardized test scores, and by the recommendations of teachers.
 - We have very limited sub-groups, but if it becomes necessary letters and/or calls will be made to parents to gather their input.
 - Staff development will be through the district's ongoing professional Development program.
3. Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review and improvement of programs under this part, including planning, review and improvement of the school parental involvement plan; The District Curriculum Advisory Committee will be used as a vehicle for this involvement.
 - Letters (notifications) will be sent out so that parents have the opportunity attend meetings and stay involved.
4. Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, child care or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement;
 - The district will schedule meetings that allow for the greatest amount of access by the parents,

5. Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance and other support to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:
 - The Title coordinator in coordination with the Parent Advisory Committee will plan involvement activities for parents to enhance learning.

6. Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the activities specifically described below:
 - Parents will receive information on how to be effectively involved with their student's education through conferences, news sources, web postings, and notices/newsletters.

7. If the Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) program plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.
 - If there is a parental concern about the plan development, comments regarding the plan will be forwarded to the Superintendent.

- A. Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph --
 - the state's academic content standards,
 - the state's student academic achievement standards,
 - the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
 - the requirements of Title I,
 - how to monitor their child's progress, and
 - how to work with educators.
 - Parents will be able to better understand academic/achievement standards, assessments, the requirements of Title 1, how to better monitor the child's progress and how to work with educators through the use of news sources, web postings, conferences and notices/newsletters that the district will distribute through the various sources.

- B. Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will provide parents of participating children, if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practically possible.

- D. Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:
- Through district/school in-service activities
- E. Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.
- F. Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will take the following actions to ensure that Title I information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:
- The district will send letters, notices; at this time this is not an issue. If necessary the district will provide alternative methods for parents.
9. Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement plan in improving the quality of its Title I schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement plan and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement plan.
- There will be an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Title 1 parental involvement plan, and parents will be asked for their input. The evaluation will include an assessment of how much parental involvement is increasing and what barriers to parental participation still need to be overcome. The District will revise its Parental Involvement Plan on the basis of this review.
10. Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time early in the school year, to which all parents of

participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved,

- The annual meeting is held in conjunction with activities during the first part of the school year. The meetings are held in a multi-purpose room that is easily accessible and centrally located.

11. Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will involve parents in the decisions regarding how funds reserved for parental involvement activities:

- Parents will be involved in how Title funds are expended.

PART III. SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

As a component of the school-level parental involvement plan, each school shall jointly develop with parents for all children served under this part a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

- Conduct a parent/teacher conference in elementary schools, semi-annually during which the compact shall be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child's achievement;
- Teachers will provide frequent reports to parents on their children's progress through newsletters, mailings, calls, e-mails and through the web-site when appropriate; and
- Teachers will provide parents with reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class and observation of classroom activities throughout the year either on a regular basis or for special occasions..

PART IV. DISCRETIONARY DISTRICT/SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLAN COMPONENTS

Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) Parent Involvement Plan may include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the school district, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school and school system to support their children's' academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities:

- The district will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118.

PART V. ACCESSIBILITY

In carrying out the parental involvement requirements of this part Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School), to the extent practicable, shall 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 practicable, in a language such parents can understand.

- A student/parent that has a need for alternative format, language or presentation will be accommodated to the best of the district's ability.

PART VI. ADOPTION

Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) Parent Involvement Plan has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I programs, as evidenced by meeting minutes and sign-in sheets.

The Parent Involvement Plan of District #81 will be in effect for throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Independent School District #81(Comfrey Public School) will distribute this plan to all parents of participating Title I children as soon as possible after a parent meeting is held at the beginning of the school year.