

# **Corsica-Stickney School District Level Family Engagement Policy 2025-2026**

1. The Corsica-Stickney School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district wide parental involvement plan:
  - Invite parents to the yearly Corsica Parent Involvement Policy meeting to plan, review and improve the school parental involvement policy
  - Invite parents to give their input to school administration if they cannot attend the meeting.
  - Share the District Parent Involvement Policy on the school website as well as inform parents by the school newsletter that the district and school policies are found on the school website and are located in the administrative offices
2. The Corsica-Stickney School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement:
  - Explain what School Improvement means and how the district and the schools located in the district compare academically to South Dakota
  - Identify the reasons for School Improvement
  - Provide an explanation on how the parents can become involved in addressing the academic issues that cause the school to be identified for improvement
  - Provide information about programs provided under Title I
  - Describe and explain the curriculum in use, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet
  - Give opportunities to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children
  - Involve parents in deciding how the District 1% Title I set aside funds for parent Involvement will be used
3. The Corsica-Stickney School District will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:
  - Collaboration with parents to establish and develop programs and practices that enhance parent involvement and reflect the special needs of students and families
  - Parents will be encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
  - Parents will be encouraged to volunteer and observe in the child's classroom as an important responsibility for high academic achievement and helps build good school/parent relationships
  - Schools will be given the resources to develop informational/educational parent involvement meetings
4. The Corsica-Stickney School District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A under the following other programs:
  - Head start
  - Public preschools
  - South Dakota Parent and Information Center

The Corsica District will provide staff and financial support for the activities which are agreed on as funding is available.

5. The Corsica-Stickney School District will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying ways to increase participation of 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 policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary its parental involvement policies.

- Parent meeting will be convened to evaluate the policy
- Parents will be notified of the time and place
- Parents who cannot attend will have the opportunity to give their input to the administration
- Support of the Board of Education for development, implementation and regular evaluation
- Parental comments will be welcomed if they are dissatisfied with the school's Title I program at the district level

6. Corsica-Stickney Elementary will work to strengthen the role of schools', parent's, and community as a partnership for strong, effective involvement, in order to build on and improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

- A.** The Corsica-Stickney school district will, with the assistance of its Title I, Part A schools, 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 Part A
  - how to monitor their child's progress
  - how to work with educators

Activities will include but are not all inclusive to workshops, conferences, and classes. Supporting materials, equipment and refreshments will also supplied by the school district for parent activities. Title I funding, if sufficient, may be used to facilitate parent attendance at meetings through payment of transportation and childcare costs.

- B.** The school district will, with the assistance of its schools, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by:
- Assisting parents to capitalize on the vital role they hold in their child's education
  - Provide parents with literacy programs that bond families around reading and using the public library
  - Provide information about the essential components of reading instruction to enable parents to support the instructional practices used by the teacher
  - Train parents in the use of Internet to enable them to access their children's homework, communicate with teachers and review information posted about schools in improvement, supplemental educational services, public school choice and other opportunities to promote student achievement
  - Assist parents and or guardians to develop parenting skills to foster positive relationships at home that support children's efforts and provide techniques designed to assist their children with learning at home
  - Involving parents, with appropriate training, in instructional and support roles at the school
  - Providing access to and coordination of community and support services for children and families
- C.** The Corsica-Stickney school district will, with the assistance of its schools and parents, 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 of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:
- Making parents full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child
  - Promotion of clear two-way communication between the school and the family as to school programs and children's progress
  - Advisement of parents to learn of their children's progress on a regular basis
  - Developing opportunities for parents to meet with classroom teachers and Title I staff
- D.** The Corsica-Stickney school district will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their

children, by:

- Parent activities will be planned with all the agencies involved whenever feasible
- Other agencies will be informed when the Corsica School District has a parent activity so information can be shared with other parents

**E.** The Corsica-Stickney school district will take the following actions to ensure that 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:

- Will interpret information, to the extent practicable, in the parents' language
- Use interpreters whenever possible at meetings so that parents are ensured of a equal participation level in the educational discussions between the schools and parents

#### **PART IV. ADOPTION**

This District-wide Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs. This policy was adopted by the Corsica-Stickney School District on July 9, 2024 and will be in effect for the period of 1 year. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year.

  
(Signature of Authorized Official)

July 14, 2025

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