

**Pender County Schools**  
**Parent Involvement Policy 2011 - 2012**

**Policy Development**

This policy was developed with assistance from parents with children in Pender County Schools. Feedback from parents was gathered via one on one parent meetings and via school based SIT meetings. This policy will be posted on Pender County Schools' website in both English and Spanish. Title I schools in Pender County develop their policies in the same way. In addition to being sent home yearly, each school's policy will be posted on its school website.

**Annual Meeting**

Title I schools in Pender County hold annual meetings to communicate educational rights and responsibilities to families. In addition, all Title I budgetary information and school improvement information is communicated at these meetings. These presentations can be found on the county and individual school websites.

**School Compacts**

Title I schools in Pender County develop, distribute and use the Parent-Student-Teacher-Principal Compact. This compact is developed with input from parents. Each school must post at least a 95% return rate.

**Building Capacity**

Title I schools will provide the following to parents:

- Explanation of what their children will be taught and how learning will be measured by the teacher and by the state
- Training and/or materials that will help them connect home to learning in school
- Communications that are user friendly and in the students' home language
- Assistance with understanding the NC School Report Card
- Opportunities for two way communication about concerns and questions
- Timely responses to concerns and questions
- Meetings at various times and places to accommodate work schedules

Title I schools may also offer the following to parents and staff:

- Question and answer forums with school administration
- More conscientious scheduling of major events to accommodate families with students at multiple feeder schools
- Opportunities for parents to volunteer in and share strengths with classes
- Weekly Alert Now calls to keep families up to date on school activities
- Teachers' email addresses and the best/times and ways to contact them
- Training for staff and families about helpful and responsive communications
- Forums for teachers and parents to communicate about the challenges of each others' roles in the lives of students
- Training for families and staff in other issues that affect students' learning and communities
- Childcare during parent activities