The **Carlisle School District** agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school district will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with Section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.

- Consistent with Section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of Section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each includes, as a component, a School–Parent Compact consistent with Section 1118(d) of the ESEA.

- The Carlisle School District will incorporate this district-wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under Section 1112 of the ESEA.

- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the Carlisle School District and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children and will provide information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

- If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A developed under Section 1112 of the ESEA 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 the state department of education.

- The Carlisle School District will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement are spent, and will ensure that not less than 95% of the reserved amount for parental involvement goes directly to the schools. A notice of the Title I District meeting that is held in April will be put in the local paper and notes will be sent home with the students to encourage parents to attend.

- The Carlisle School District will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

  **Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring**

  - (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning by attending P-T Conferences, being involved in PTS, and attending Grade Level Parent Meetings;
  - (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school by being active in the PTS and other activities and functions;
  - (C) that parents are 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 such as the
Parental Involvement Committees at the District level as well as both school levels which will meet twice per year in the fall and spring; and (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in Section 1118 of the ESEA.

- The Carlisle School District will inform parents and parental organizations of the existence and purpose of the Parental Information and Resource Center in the state.

**DESCRIPTION OF HOW DISTRICT WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED DISTRICTWIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS**

1. The **Carlisle School District** will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district-wide parental involvement plan under Section 1112 of the ESEA:

   - Scheduled Parent Meetings- Grade level meetings twice during the year and PTS at the Elementary and High School
   - Conferences- Parent-Teacher Conferences twice a year and also as requested.
   - Consultation- as requested with the counselor, principal and/or teachers.
   - School Improvement Meetings

2. The **Carlisle School District** will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under Section 1116 of the ESEA:

   - Scheduled Parent Meetings
   - Conferences
   - Consultation
   - School Improvement Meetings
   - Last meeting was held on 4/24/2013. Facilitators for the current school year are: Carol Hauk, contact number 870-552-3931 ext. 163 and Alice Page, contact number 870-552-3931 ext. 115.

3. The **Carlisle 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:

   - Enhance awareness and skills of administration, teachers and staff in reaching out to, communicating with, and working with parents. Grade level meetings will be held at least once a semester and P-T Conferences will be twice a year. Building principals Karen Norton and Brad Horn along with the building facilitators Carol Hauk and Alice Page appropriate meetings that are held as they pertain to each school.
   - Ensure, to the extent possible, that information is sent home in a language and form parents can understand. Teacher handouts will be provided at Open House in August to explain classroom rules and procedures. Grade level meetings will be held at least once per semester to help answer any questions that parents might have. Karen Dycus, Federal Programs Coordinator will ensure that information is sent in a language that parents can understand.
   - Site visits to observe parental involvement practices are conducted periodically by Shon Evans. She attends parent involvement activities and visits the Family Centers on both the elementary and high school campus on a regular basis.
• Each Title I School in the district will have a parental involvement plan and compact. The plans and compacts will be developed and evaluated by a committee that consists of parents and school staff. Plans and compacts will be posted on the district website. Karen Dycus and Shon Evans will ensure that each school has a current plan and compact.
• Meetings will be scheduled at times that best accommodate parent members of the committees.

4. The Carlisle School District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs:
• Pre-kindergarten-The Carlisle School District has two full day ABC classes and one full day District class. Lindsey Thaxton is our Pre-k Director.
• HIPPY-The Carlisle School District participates in the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters through the Wilbur Mills Coop. Dorthey Woodall is the Carlisle HIPPY Instructor.

5. The Carlisle 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 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). A survey will be sent home to parents in April to get their input on Parental Involvement activities during the school year. Teachers will be made aware of the results. The Carlisle 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 (and with the involvement of parents), its parental involvement policies.
The parent involvement facilitator at Carlisle High School is Carol Hauk. The parent involvement facilitator at Carlisle Elementary is Alice Page.

6. The Carlisle School District will build capacity of school staff and parents to create strong parental involvement programs, 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. The following strategies will be used:
A. the Carlisle 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:
• A link to the ADE will be posted to our school website, in order that parent’s may have access to the state’s academic content standards.
• Grade level meetings will be held at least once a semester to help parents understand student academic achievement standards, scores and related terms.
• Parent Teacher Conferences will be held twice a year, plus any requested conferences with counselor, principal, and/or teachers to help inform parents of state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments.
• Requirements of Title I, Part A, Committee meetings are held in the fall and spring of each school year. The first meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2013. Carol Hauk and Alice Page are the school facilitators. Shon Evans district parent involvement coordinator and Karen Dycus, federal programs coordinator will attend scheduled meetings along with the school facilitators. All may be contacted at 870-552-3931 Carol Hauk ext. 163, Alice Page ext. 115, Shon Evans ext. 109 and Karen Dycus ext. 112. District Parent Involvement Committee members are: Bill Ricks-Parent, Margarita Orton-Parent, Jessica Ellis-Parent, Kathleen Faucett-Parent, Karen Norton- Principal, Brad Horn-Principal, Shon Evans-Parental Involvement Coordinator, and Karen Dycus-Federal Program Coordinator.

• Grades are to be posted weekly on Edline to help parents monitor the child’s progress.

• In order to help parents work with educators, teacher prep periods will be posted on the website and parent workshops will be offered in requested areas to have a better understanding of things such as math vocabulary and computer skills.

B. The Carlisle School District will, with the assistance of its schools, provide materials to help parents work with their child to improve their child’s academic achievement, such as literacy and math materials, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by

• Scheduled Parent Meetings such as Parent Night to be held at least twice a year
• Conferences for parents and teachers will be held twice a year, plus any requested conferences during the year
• Consultation with the counselor, principal, and/or teachers as needed
• Pamphlets are available in the Family Centers at Elementary and High School on various topics

C. The Carlisle 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 and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by scheduled parental involvement workshops and conferences. Committees will be organized that include parents to help with the Carlisle School District’s Plans & Compacts.

D. The Carlisle School District will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their child, by

• Scheduled Parent Meetings for grade levels at least once a semester, as well as PTS meetings at the Elementary and High School level
• Conferences as requested with the counselor, principal, and/or teacher
• Consultation as requested with the counselor, principal, and/or teacher
• Volunteers will be used as needed and a list of volunteers will be compiled from the surveys that are sent home in the student packets in August.

E. The Carlisle School District will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parental involvement 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.

• Letters to Parents
• Postings on School Website
- School Newsletter, *The Bison Stampede*
- The school’s FACEBOOK page
- Text-messaging and e-mails

F. The Carlisle School District will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under Section 1118 as parents may request.