



**Rev. 7.6.11 Page 1 TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY A child's mind is a precious thing. I dreamed I stood in a studio and watched two sculptors there. The clay they used was a young child's mind and they fashioned it with care. One was a teacher. The tools he used were books, music, and art. The other, a parent, working with a guiding hand, and a gentle loving heart. Day by day, the teacher toiled with touch that was deft and sure, While the parent labored by his side and polished and smoothed it over, And when at last, their task was done, They were proud of what they had accomplished for the thing they had molded into the child could neither be sold nor bought, and each agreed they could have failed if each had worked alone.**

The purpose of Title I is to improve the basic programs of The Rhodes School and to provide opportunities for students to acquire the knowledge and skills contained in the state content standards (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills—TEKS) and to meet the state performance standards (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills—TAKS). Charter Schools and Districts receiving Title I, Part A funds must implement a parental involvement program that includes programs, activities, and procedures that promote and encourage the involvement of parents in the Title I program. Charter Schools and Districts are required to have a written parental involvement policy. Parents must have the opportunity to be involved in the development of the policy. Rev. 7.6.11 Page 2

### **GOAL OF TITLE I PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

The goal of Title I parental involvement is to provide opportunities and information for parents that will help them assume a more meaningful role in improving student achievement and increase their effectiveness when participating in the planning, design, implementation and evaluation of Title I programs. "Effective parental involvement is built on mutual trust, respect, communication and commitment between the parents, the school and the community. The partners are equals working together to set goals, find solutions and carry out and evaluate these solutions." --Rutherford,

### **1987 PARENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Parents are invited to attend parent involvement meetings each fall and each spring to share mutual expectations for students so all parents are an integral part of facilitating achievement. Parents are invited to attend conferences each fall and each spring to discuss their child's progress. Parents are invited to attend special programs or activities presented by students. Information is sought from parents of students receiving special programs services regarding campus planning and decision making. Opportunities are available to participate as parent and community representatives on campus and district improvement committees. Parents are invited to share their thoughts about the school, its future, and vision through an annual parent survey. Parents are given access to current information via parent newsletters and the



school website. [www.rhodesschool.org](http://www.rhodesschool.org) Parents are invited to be sponsors and/or participate in extracurricular activities