Armour Middle School Parental Involvement Policy

* An annual meeting will be held each fall at the school to explain the requirements and parental rights concerning the Title 1 Schoolwide program.
* Scheduling of any Parental Involvement Activities will be done for the convenience of parents

1. Parent Teacher Conferences are held during the day and in the evening to make attendance times for working parents flexible.
2. PTT meetings are held monthly on varying evenings, trying to avoid other community activities.
3. Childcare has been provided at meetings to make attendance possible for parents.

* Links to the school’s curriculum, content standards, school report card, and student progress are on the school website and can be accessed by dedicated links and through the use of the Parent Portal. All these areas are open to discussion at the monthly PTT and annual Title 1 meetings. Any parent concerns are addressed at the monthly PTT meetings and the annual spring Consolidated Application Committee meeting.
* A committee made up of parents, teachers, administrators and community members will be involved in formulating goals, evaluation of the program, and recommending changes in the school’s Title 1 program and policies.
* Professional Development on Effective Communication with Parents will be provided to school staff.
* Assistance to the parents of children served in understanding content, standards, state and local assessments, and monitoring their child’s progress will be provided in language they can understand by:

1. School website links such as: Thinkcentral, Renaissance Home Connect, EDUplace, South Dakota State Library, South Dakota DOE website
2. Newspaper/Newsletter articles
3. Parents & Teachers Together Meetings
4. Parent Portal Use
5. Parent Teacher Conferences

* Parents will be encouraged to utilize programs provided through South Dakota Parent Information Resource Center [www.sdpirc.org](http://www.sdpirc.org) 1-800-219-6247.
* The Armour School coordinates services with 2 pre-school level programs, 21st Century CCLC programs (After School Programs) Child Find, Head Start,

SPED, Prairie Readers to encourage and include parents.

* The Armour School encourages Parental Involvement through the following:

1. Provide take home activities and materials that parents and students can utilize together.
2. Provide family activities such as Math Night, Reading and Literacy Night.
3. Provide links to basic skills improvement websites.
4. Monthly Parents and Teachers Together meetings.
5. Music & Athletic Boosters Parent Organization
6. Most Field Trips & Class Parties
7. Annual Middle School Vocal Music Contest
8. Area Wide Prairie Readers competition
9. Annual “Back to School Open House”
10. Field Day

* Accessibility—currently, our district has no LEP children, no migratory children, and no homeless families, but should some enter our district we will make the necessary accommodations for parent and student accessibility.