

White County High School

Family Involvement Policy

White County High School, along with the White County Board of Education, are committed to providing a safe and quality education for every child in the district and endorses the concept that parents and school personnel must work together to improve the quality of education for all students. WCHS will follow all requirements of the Title I regulations including involving parents in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the program. The staff will be educated in the value of building a strong tie between home and school. The school will attempt to identify the desires and needs of parents and provide reasonable support for parent activities.

The parent involvement policy will be developed jointly with parents and written in an understandable language and format. It will be reviewed annually by a parent advisory team and distributed to parents by way of agendas, annual meetings, etc. This policy is a working document and will continue to develop as circumstances require. The plan will be written in an understandable format and will be on file in the school and Title I director's office.

The school will convene an annual parent meeting to inform parents about the school and their parental rights. WCHS will offer assistance to parents in the understanding of the curriculum standards and assessments required for graduation. Parents will be provided timely information about school programs through the agenda, website, letters and monthly newsletters. Through a flexible number of parent meetings and/or surveys, WCHS will conduct annual evaluations of the parent involvement program to (1) determine the effectiveness of the involvement of parents in the program, (2) identify barriers to greater participation of parents, and (3) design strategies for school improvement and revision of the parental involvement plans if necessary. The school will ensure that all information related to school activities should be in a language that parents understand.

WCHS will also assist in coordinating and integrating Title I parental involvement with other programs including Project Graduation, Adult Basic Education, White County Health Department, Head-Start, and area Pre-School Programs. The school will provide literacy/technology training to help parents work with children to improve their achievement. These programs shall provide opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency or disabilities.

Not less than 1.0% of the school's Title I allocation shall be reserved to carry out parental involvement activities. Through surveys, questionnaires, and/or meetings, parents of participating students will be involved in the decisions regarding the allocation of these funds.