

School Parental Involvement Policy
Whittier Primary School 2015-2016

PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Whittier Primary School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- Consistent with section 1118, the school will work to ensure that the required school level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118 of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- Schools will notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The policy will be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A, parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in language parents understand.
- If the school-wide program plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1114(b) of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the local educational agency (school district).
- The school will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the 1 percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- The school will build its own and the parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.
- The school will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 of the ESEA as the parents may request.
- The school will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and 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—
 - that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
 - that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
 - 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;
 - the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCHOOLS WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. Whittier Primary School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its school parental involvement plan under section 1118 of the ESEA:
 - Parent Representative on ULT/Rising Star Team
 - Parent Representative on PBIS Team
 - Monthly PTO Meetings with Principal
 - 5 Essentials Survey
 - Parent Compacts are discussed and signed as a component of October Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences.
 - Student led conferences are utilized at Whittier to increase parent participation and involvement.
2. Whittier Primary School will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:
 - Parent Representative on ULT/Rising Star Team
 - Parent Representative on PBIS Team
 - Monthly PTO Meetings with Principal
 - Title I Budget Review Meeting
 - Curriculum Cookout Night – Fall Festival
 - PBIS/RtI/Tier Supports
 - Compass Learning Odyssey
 - Accelerated Reading
 - District Literacy Focus
 - District Math Focus
 - Strategic Plan, Mission and Vision Statement
 - State of the School Address – Title I Budget (included)
 - 5 Essentials Survey
 - Parent Compacts are discussed and signed as a component of October Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences.
 - Student led conferences are established at Whittier to increase parent participation and involvement.
3. Whittier Primary School will hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a time convenient for parents and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting, and will encourage them to attend, by:
 - PTO website
 - Backpack letter sent home
 - Automated Parent Link phone calling system. (Childcare is provided as a convenience)
 - Outdoor Marquees

- PTO Meeting
 - Curriculum Cookout Night - Fall Festival
4. Whittier Primary School will provide parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet by:
 - Parent/Student handbook
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - Parent/Student/Teacher Compacts
 - Grade Level Newsletters
 - Teacher Websites
 - Monthly PTO Meetings with Principal
 - Curriculum Cookout Night – Fall Festival
 - PBIS/RtI/Tier Supports
 - Compass Learning Odyssey
 - Accelerated Reading
 - District Literacy Focus
 - District Math Focus
 - Strategic Plan, Mission and Vision Statement
 - State of the School Address – Title I Budget (included)
 5. Whittier Primary School will at the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible by:
 - Monthly PTO Meetings with Principal
 - Parent Representative on ULT/Rising Star Team
 - Parent Representative on PBIS Team
 6. Whittier Primary School will provide each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading by:
 - NWEA scores sent home
 - Progress Reports
 - Report Cards
 - Family Access
 - Parent Compacts are discussed and signed as a component of October Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences.
 - Student led conferences are utilized at Whittier to increase parent participation and involvement.
 7. Whittier Primary School will take the following actions to provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002) by:
 - Notifications regarding “Highly Qualified “Status sent home (as needed) in student's daily folder

8. Whittier Primary School will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph --
 - ✓ the state's academic content standards,
 - ✓ the state's student academic achievement standards,
 - ✓ the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
 - ✓ the requirements of Part A,
 - ✓ how to monitor their child's progress, and
 - ✓ how to work with educators
 - Curriculum Cookout Night – Fall Festival
 - PBIS/RtI/Tier Supports
 - Compass Learning Odyssey
 - Accelerated Reading
 - District Literacy Focus
 - District Math Focus
 - Strategic Plan, Mission and Vision Statement
 - State of the School Address – Title I Budget (included)
 - NWEA reports sent home
 - Parent/Student Handbook
 - Parent Compacts are discussed and signed as a component of October Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences.
 - Student led conferences are utilized at Whittier to increase parent participation and involvement.
9. Whittier Primary School will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by:
 - Parent University (District Program - Monthly)
 - Curriculum Cookout Night – Fall Festival
 - Grade Level Newsletters
 - Activities/Games
 - Homework Help
 - Reading Lists
 - Spelling Lists
 - Vocabulary Lists
 - Math Problems/Games
 - 100% Homework Incentives
 - Newsletters on Website
 - Online Family Access
 - “Peach Jar” Notifications online
 - Compass Learning Odyssey
 - Accelerated Reading
 - District Literacy Focus
 - District Math Focus
10. Whittier Primary School will, with the assistance of its 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:

- Curriculum Cookout Night – Fall Festival
- Conferences
- Parent Compacts
- Online Family Access
- 100% Positive Parent Contact (mandatory school-wide expectation)

11. Whittier Primary School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, public preschool, and other programs. The school will also conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:

- Summer Work Week Initiative
- Vacation Logs
- Family Access
- Curriculum Cookout Night – Fall Festival
- Grade Level Newsletters
 - Activities/Games
 - Homework Help
 - Reading Lists
 - Spelling Lists
 - Vocabulary Lists
 - Math Problems/Games
 - 100% Homework Incentives
 - Newsletters on Website

12. Whittier Primary School will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent-programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to 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:

- Written Notifications
- ParentLink Notification
- Translated Notifications
- District Translators provided
- Newsletters on Website
- PTO Emails
- PTO Newsletter
- “Peach Jar” Notifications (online)

PART III. DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

NOTE: The School Parental Involvement Policy may include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the school district, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents’ capacity for involvement in the school and school system

to support their children’s academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under section 1118(e) of the ESEA:

- involving parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training;
- providing necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds, if the school district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training;
- paying reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions;
- training parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;
- arranging school meetings at a variety of times, or conducting in-home conferences between teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children, arrange meetings with parents who are unable to attend conferences at school in order to maximize parental involvement and participation in their children’s education;
- adopting and implementing model approaches to improving parental involvement;
- establishing a school parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs;
- developing appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities.

PART IV. ADOPTION

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by the signatures below.

This policy was drafted by Whittier Primary School, Peoria Public School District #150 on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. It was posted on display at Whittier’s Website and available in the Main Office for review until October 8, 2015. Final approval by the PTO President and Principal conducted on October 8, 2015 established the policy for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year ending May, 2016. This policy was adopted by the Peoria Public School Board on ____/____/____ and will be in effect for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year ending May, 2016. Upon Peoria Public Schools District #150 approval, the school will distribute this policy to the Parents of all participating Title I, Part A students on or before ____/____/____.

Emily Huff, Whittier Primary School PTO President

October 8, 2015

Patrick Sell, Whittier Primary School Principal

October 8, 2015