

Wasilla High School 2021-22

Parent Engagement Policy

Title I

Wasilla High School recognizes that some students may need the extra assistance available through the Title I Program to reach the state's high academic standards. Wasilla High School intends to include parents in all aspects of the school's Title I program. The goal is a school-home partnership that will help all students to succeed. This goal will be accomplished the following steps:

A. Parent Involvement Policy: Wasilla High School will jointly develop and revise with parents the school parent involvement policy by:

- Title 1 Annual Meeting
- Annual WHS events
- Discuss involvement at relevant family events
- Asking for revisions via website/newsletter/Title I meetings
- Plan available to the community website posting

B. Annual Meeting: Wasilla High will hold an annual Title I meeting each year. Parents are welcome and feedback is requested. The Title I Plan and its requirements will be explained at this meeting. Parents will also be informed of their right to be involved in the development and revision of the Title I Plan.

C. Title I Planning Meeting Times: Wasilla High will hold quarterly meetings as part of office and Leadership Team meetings, to review and develop the Title I Plan. We will make an effort to be flexible when scheduling these meetings but most of them will be held early evenings to accommodate parents who work.

D. School-Parent Compact: Our compact is introduced at the WHS Title 1 annual meeting where we explain the ways the school staff, parents, and students work together to increase student achievement. Parents can suggest changes and a final draft will then be created and added to the website.

E. Communicating the Curriculum: Curriculum information is shared annually at WHS family events and the Class Orientation meetings held in the fall of each year. Our website also offers curriculum information that is updated each year.

F. Suggestions on the Title I Plan: Input from parents is welcome at meetings, in writing, and through emails to the principal. Evaluations/feedback are also available at all Title I events and parent suggestions are collected at that time.

G. Shared Responsibility for Student Achievement:

WHS staff, parents, and students shall work together to share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

- In partnership with students and parents, teachers can:
 - Build relationships with students that support them as young adults and inspire a vision of success
 - Be an example for students
 - Provide frequent and various forms of communication
 - Prepare students for success intellectually, emotionally and relationally
 - Make learning meaningful using data to support individual students
 - Share the joy of learning
- In partnership with parents and teachers, students can:
 - Attend class every day, on time and prepared
 - Complete and turn in work by the due date
 - Participate actively in class, make up missing work
 - Use the tools available to you to check your grades and assignments
 - Follow school expectations and classroom social contracts

- Engage in a school activity, club, or sport
- Help shape our school community by reporting unsafe behavior ~ See something, say something
- In partnership with students and teachers, parents can:
 - Be engaged in your student's high school career
 - Check ParentVue and follow up with your student
 - Discuss school with your student, help support the student, teacher, parent relationship
 - Contact your child's teacher when you have concerns about homework or grades
 - Contact your student's counselor to help plan for the future
 - Attend Parent/Teacher conferences

H. Understanding Standards and Assessments: To ensure and support effective involvement of parents, Wasilla High School shall provide assistance to parents in understanding the State's academic content standards and the State's student academic achievement standards. Standards will be explained at the Title 1 Annual meeting and appropriate family nights. In addition, links will be provided on the school website. Teachers will work with parents to explain how to monitor their child's progress and work together to improve the achievement of their child.

I. Family Events: WHS strives to team with families by building relationships and improving communication. Family involvement in education is key to the academic success of each individual student. Several family events will be held each year as an opportunity to increase involvement, communication, and relational capacity with our families.

J. Translation Services: WHS makes every effort to provide translation services to families that use English as a second language. These translation services are for Parent-Teacher Conferences, Family Events, and any other time where needed. Translated documents and school reports are also made available when needed.

Wasilla High School is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child. To this end, we want to establish partnerships with parents and with the community. Everyone gains if school and home work together to promote high achievement for our children. Neither home, nor school, can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. Their support for their children, and for the school, is critical to their children's success every step along the way.