

Washington Elementary
2015-2016 Family Involvement Policy/Plan
Summary

Washington Elementary recognizes the importance of forming a strong partnership with parents and community members in order to positively impact the students in our school. To promote effective parent involvement, the staff at Washington Elementary welcomes input from parents and community members in decision making and encourages them to join us in the activities outlined in this plan. We work with parents as equal partners in the educational process.

Annual Meeting

Parents are invited to attend this meeting at the beginning of each school year to learn more about the requirements of Title I and our School-wide Title I Program. At this meeting there will be opportunities to review the Title I documents and give input into the following:

- School Parent- Compact
- Title I Family Involvement Policy/Plan
- Parents' Right to Know
- Ideas of topics for future parent involvement activities
- Title I budget

Accessibility for all families

We will accommodate all families by providing the following:

- Choices of meeting dates and times based on input from parents
- Interpreters
- Translated documents
- Childcare at the school

Parent Involvement Activities

Based on parent survey input, we will provide the following activities to assist parents in understanding the state curriculum and assessments and to help parents improve their children's academic achievement, to provide outside resources to help support their child, parent advocates promoting education:

- Open House
- Conduct Parent Report Card conference Evening to be held the 1st and 2nd trimester.
- Teachers provide strategies at parent-teacher conferences.
- RIF/Literacy
- Awards Ceremonies
- The school and JFK Middle School provided a resource room for parents to check out material to work their child.
- Parent Information Nights will inform parents about FSA and curriculum strategies to help children at homes: so that children can increase reading and math achievement.
- Kindergarten Awareness Training will inform parents of simple activities that they can expose their children to during the course of the year to prepare them for Kindergarten readiness.
- McDonald Read a Thon Sept. 17 and McDonald Family night

- Family Night at Chick-fil-A
- Efficacy training Dr DuPont
- Volunteers are utilized to enhance our educational program
- FCAT/FSA Parent Information Nights- inform parents about FCAT/FSA and curriculum strategies to help children at homes so that children can increase reading and math achievement.
- Annual Grade Level Parent Workshops-some during the day others in the evening.
- Family Involvement Power point
- SAC/PTO
- Book Fair Family Night
- Annual Title 1 meetings
- Carnivale
- Muffins for Mom
- Donuts for Dad
- Take your parent to School

Shared Decision Making

Through the school's SAC parents will **review and give input in writing the school's Family Involvement Policy/Plan and evaluate the plan annually**. Parents will also give input in writing the **School-Compact**. Parents review the Title I Family Involvement Survey data results to determine change. Use of parental involvement funds is discussed. Parents receive information in a timely fashion and are informed of student curriculum and assessment. Parents will have opportunities to discuss school wide programming and review data reports.

Communication

Parents will be provided information in a language and format which is easy to understand. We will communicate with parents by:

- Flyers
- Daily announcements
- Assignment Notebooks
- Marquee
- School district "Parent Link" system
- Postcards
- Parent Advisory Council- parents are invited to participate on this council.
- Family Involvement Surveys will be distributed to parents for parent input.
- Family Involvement Surveys will be reviewed by SAC.

Volunteers/ Business Partners

Parents, grandparents and Lawyers are utilized to enhance our educational program. Our Business Partners provide school supplies.