

West Side's Snapshot

January 22, 2021

Our Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2020-2021

General Requirements

Our Parent and Family Engagement Plan has been jointly developed with parents. We used parent feedback from the 2019-2020 parent family engagement activities' parent evaluations, past parent surveys information, and input from West Side parents who reviewed the plan during the Title I Mid-Year Review and Annual Meetings. Parents are continually informed of parent and family engagement activities in a timely manner on Schoology and are invited to provide input on the plan. This plan is also posted on the Title I bulletin board by the main office. You can call the school at (301)724-0340, or you can email Mrs. Green at shannon.green@acpsmd.org to discuss this plan. We value and appreciate your input!

School Parent Compact

The compact was shared with parents on Schoology on conference day, October 1, 2020. As a reminder, it outlines how parents/families, school staff, and students share responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It was created with parent input. Thank you!

Title I Funds

Parents are involved in the decisions regarding the spending of the parent involvement funds. Input is gathered from parents during meetings, and comments are always welcomed. You can ask to review this budget and provide input at any time.

Annual Meeting

Each year, West Side conducts an **annual meeting** to inform parents of the school's role and requirements in implementing Title I and the right of parents to be involved. This year, on September 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2020, due to COVID-19, key Title I information was distributed with back to school materials. If you missed this information or would like to review it again, you can request a copy at any time by contacting Mrs. Green. During this activity, Schoology training was offered, and parents were also encouraged to provide input. We look forward to this event every year!

Other Meetings

Each year, West Side invites parents to attend a **mid-year meeting** to monitor the progress of the Parent Family Engagement Plan. This year's meeting is coming up soon. **Would you like to attend?** The meeting will be held on Google Meet. Please contact Mrs. Green to provide your email address in order to get the link for the meeting. You may also request paper copies of the plan to review. You can also give your feedback in alternative formats such as in writing, by phone, or by email. We appreciate your consideration and hope you can participate!

Later in the year, we will also hold a **spring meeting** to review and get parent input on the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan, including the compact and parent funds, and the School Improvement Plan. You can let us know whether or not the plan is satisfactory and give us any ideas you may have for parent programs. More information will be coming soon. Please look for it on Schoology!

We invite ALL parents to participate and are glad to assist in any way.

Please contact Mrs. Green

Building Capacity

West Side assists parents in supporting their students' academic achievement the following ways:

- Providing Grade Level Standards and information on Ways to Work with Your Child at Home- October 1, 2020
- Providing Materials and Trainings
 - "Back to School Night" Schoology Training- September 8, 9, and 10, 2020
 - Parent Book Study, What Great Parents Do: 75 Simple Strategies for Raising Kids Who Thrive- February, 2021
 - Literacy Event for Parents of Students in Grades Pre-K-2- Spring
 - Math Event for Parents of Students in Grades 3-5- Spring
- We encourage all parents to participate!

Working with Parents at Equal Partners: Throughout the school year, please complete parent evaluations and surveys as they come your way as information is then summarized and presented to school personnel to educate them with your assistance on how to work with you in your child's educational process.

Also...

West Side coordinates with other programs and partners such as: Head Start, the Allegany County Library, IBM, Frostburg State University, and community churches to increase opportunities for our students and families. We appreciate our partners!

We try to reduce barriers to participation for parents and families by making clear and consistent communication a priority, supporting parents as requested, and by providing full opportunities for all parents. Please contact Mrs. Green at any time for assistance. Thank you, parents and families!

