

Accessibility

To the extent practicable, West Side provides full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Please reach out to us for assistance by calling 301-724-0340.

We have a Title I Family Engagement Coordinator, Mrs. Laura Biser, who can help you.



And More...

- ◆ The Title I Office educates school personnel with parental assistance on how to work with parents as equal partners in their child's educational process.
- ◆ District parent focus group meetings are held and parent input is summarized and shared.
- ◆ ACPS and West Side Elementary School value the contributions of parents and families.

Thank you!

West Side Elementary School's Parent & Family Engagement Plan for 2023-2024



Ms. Jill Hartsfield, Principal
Mr. Jamie Clark, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Casey Gates, School Secretary



This plan...

This plan is jointly developed and distributed to parents of all our students. When needed, it is translated in a parent's home language.

Parents are asked for input during the Annual Title I Meetings, the Mid Year Monitoring Meeting, and the Spring Meeting, and in the principal's calendars. Parents are involved in the decisions regarding the spending of the parent funding. Your input is important to us!

This plan is also posted on the school's webpage. You can make comments and/or complaints or ask to serve on the Title I Parent Committee by contacting Mrs. Hartsfield by calling the school at 301-724-0340. Thank you!

Policy Involvement...

We hold an annual Title I meeting at the beginning of the year during our Back to School Night in order to inform parents of the school's role and requirements in implementing Title I and the right of parents to be involved. This information is shared by a Google Slide Show.

During the school year, we try to hold meetings at flexible times, such as mornings, afternoons, evenings, during parent pick up, and other times to increase opportunities for parents to attend. We hold in-person and virtual sessions and conferences.

We invite parents of all students to be involved on school decision making teams to assist in creating school plans for improvement. You can become a member of the School Leadership Team or Family Engagement Team.

The school strives to provide timely information in a format and language parents can understand about school programs by providing the following:

- * School Messenger Calls
- * Schoology Posts
- * State Standards Fliers & MCAP Info.
- * Parent Conferences
- * Letters regarding student progress and/or ASPEN
- * Parent Teacher Conferences

Parents & Teachers as Equal Partners...

We believe in working together to enable each student to reach his or her potential. Our School-Parent Compact outlines how parents/families, school staff, and students themselves share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It is reviewed and revised annually with parents.

Capacity Building Activities Include:

- ◇ Back to School Night / Annual Title I Meeting
- ◇ Weekly Volunteer Workshops: Wednesdays, 8:00-11:00 a.m. with Family Engagement Coordinator
- ◇ Literacy Parent Training
- ◇ Math Parent Training
- ◇ MCAP Parent Training
- ◇ Social and Emotional Learning Parent Training
- ◇ Materials for Parents to Work with Students at Home to Increase Academic Achievement
- ◇ Collaboration between Title I Family Engagement Coordinator, Community School Coordinator, and the Raising a Reader Program
- ◇ Title I Parent Meetings
- ◇ Parent Surveys
- ◇ Parent Conference Days

Thank you!