

WATSON CHAPEL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLAN

GOAL 1:

The Watson Chapel School District will foster effective parental involvement strategies, coordinate parental involvement activities with those of other programs, and support partnerships among school, parents, and the community to improve student achievement by establishing a Parent Advisory Council, which will include: Parents, Teachers, and Community Leaders. This committee will meet annually to review the Parental Involvement Plan. The Parent Advisory Council will meet in May to review the effectiveness of the District Parent Involvement Policy and revise the District Parent Involvement Policy for the upcoming school year. The district parental coordinator will coordinate the meeting. The District Parent Involvement Policy will be placed on the Watson Chapel School District homepage for parent

We have three Title I schools. Each of the three schools has a parent involvement coordinator who serves as the contact person. They are: Edgewood Elementary - Bridget White, L.L. Owen Elementary - Shelly Peyton, and Coleman Intermediate - Amanda Tidwell. These parental involvement coordinators implement parental involvement activities as well disseminate information to the community to promote parental involvement in the Title I, Part A schools.

Parental Involvement activities are coordinated with those other programs such as Parents as Teachers program and Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters. Pamphlets and flyers are disseminated at the Parents as Teachers and Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters when meetings are held at Arkansas River Education Service Center. A representative from the district is available to speak to parents at the organizations and to answer questions for parents. Child find flyers are made available to parents at all parent/teacher conferences across the district explaining parent involvement activities. Flyers are also available at the Public Library and at business in the committee.

Training will be provided which will give committee members strategies to implement in the local schools. In addition, Watson Chapel School District will coordinate parental involvement activities with those of other programs. Each school will establish a Parent Facilitator to oversee Parental Involvement implementation. A survey (annual review) of the effectiveness of the parental involvement policy will be utilized to get feedback. The Parental Involvement Survey from the previous year will be analyzed to better meet the needs of the Parents. In addition, a perception survey will be sent to all parents to determine perceptions of each school's effectiveness.

Watson Chapel School District will reserve a minimum of 1% of the district's Title I, Part A allocation for parental involvement.

Schools will involve parents in annual meetings led by the school's parent involvement facilitator to review the school parent involvement plan

GOAL 2:

The Parent Coordinator will conduct ongoing site visits to observe parental involvement practices. The Parent Coordinator will enhance the awareness and skills of teachers, pupil service personnel, principals and staff in reaching out to, communicating with and working with parents as equal partners. In addition the district will: Monitor each Title I, Part A School to ensure that each school performs the following tasks:

1. The school parent facilitator will assist with the development of the school's parental involvement policy. The school parent facilitator will provide an electronic copy of the school's parent involvement policy to the district Parent Coordinator. Each school's plan will be placed on Watson Chapel School District webpage and will be distributed at school parent involvement meetings.
2. School Parent Facilitators will offer flexible meeting times.
3. Each school's parent facilitator and principal will provide information to parents about the school's program, include parent information guide.
4. Each school's parent facilitator and principal will develop and use the School-Parent Compact.
5. Provide training for parents in working with their child to improve academic achievement
6. Encourage parents to visit/volunteer at school by assisting staff in developing volunteer opportunities as well as training staff to encourage and build volunteer efforts.
7. Encourage parent participation through innovative scheduling of activities through strategies such as holding meetings at a variety of times, such as morning and evening, in order to maximize the opportunities for parents to participate in school-related activities.
8. The school's parent facilitator will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement. Each Title I school will provide the date of the trainings, the topic that will be covered, the name of the facilitator and their contact number in their individual school plan.

Parental Involvement trainings will be held to train Parent Facilitators on effective Parental Involvement practices. Parent Facilitators will take the information back to the local school. Perception surveys and other parental involvement surveys will be developed for each school's use. The district Parent Facilitator will attend conferences and outside trainings to provide meaningful technical assistance. Trainings will be conducted to train Administrators in every building in dealing with better ways of Communicating with Parents.

GOAL 3:

1. The school's parent facilitator and principal will provide information to participating parents in such areas as national, state, and local education goals, including parent's rights as defined in Title I, Part A.
2. The school's parent facilitator will assist in the development of parent engagement groups at their school.
3. The district Title I Parent Coordinator and school parent facilitators will involve parents through an annual survey to improve school effectiveness.
4. Approve reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities.
5. Provide any reasonable support for parental involvement at the request of participating Title I, Part A schools.
6. If additional support is needed, the district Title I Parent Coordinator will provide support at the request of participating Title I, Part A schools for additional resources for parents to learn about child development, child rearing practices, and academic strategies that are designed to help parents become full partners in the education of their child.

GOAL 4:

1. Parents are surveyed annually, including questions to identify barriers to parental involvement. The school improvement coordinator will be responsible for disseminating the surveys and will report to the committee the results of the survey.
2. An opportunity is provided for the parents to assist in the development of the evaluation procedures, including analysis of data collected. An annual review of the effectiveness of the parental involvement policy will be conducted before the closing the school year. This will involve parents and coordinators from each of the five district schools. This committee will meet in May and review parental involvement activities and will plan activities for the next year with a goal of involving all parents.
4. Findings from the evaluation process are used to make recommendations to each participating school for parental involvement policy revision and to provide suggestions for designing school improvement policies, as they relate to parental involvement. Each school's committee will meet with the district parental involvement committee and will review the findings and will update each school's plan to reflect the findings.
5. An annual parent activity evaluation report will be developed by each school's committee and by the district committee. The report will be disseminated by each committee to share with parents, staff and the community. Open meetings will be held to discuss the findings. All changes made to the parental involvement policy will be documented and will be approved by the school board and will be included in the handbooks and on the Watson Chapel School District website.

GOAL 5:

The Federal Programs Coordinator will recruit parents to serve on the district ACSIP committee to develop the Title I Application.