



Whitnel Elementary School
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Whitnel Elementary–Parent Family Engagement Policy

A strong partnership between students, parents, and school is necessary to maximize student achievement. This policy outlines how parents may become involved in our school and with their child's education.

*Parents are invited to an annual public meeting early in the school year to learn about our Title I Program. Title I provides federal funds to supplement the educational program at Whitnel in the form of personnel salaries, instructional supplies and materials, professional development, and parental engagement activities.

*Parent/Student/Teacher conferences are held throughout the year to discuss student progress and learning goals. A round of conferences is scheduled for the fall and spring semesters, in addition to other times as needed.

*Parents are involved in planning and review of the Title I plan and in school improvement planning. Parent input is received through surveys, open meetings, School Improvement Team, and individual conferences.

*Parents are provided access to the NC Standard Course of Study and promotion standards for each grade level, as well as progress on interim and end of year assessments.

*Parents are provided surveys to gather information about current programs and practices to help assess their effectiveness.

*Parents are invited to participate in the creation of the "Student-Parent-School Compact" to further build educational partnerships for our students. All stakeholders, students, parents, and school members are asked to sign and return the compact.

*Parents are provided various informational meetings (Reading and Math Nights) and accompanying materials to help them work more effectively with their children.

*Parents are encouraged to volunteer to help in classrooms and with a variety of school functions. Our Volunteer Coordinator can help link parents to volunteer opportunities.

*Parents are encouraged to volunteer in a number of special events throughout the year, including student work expositions, PTO open meetings, reading/math nights, and school beautification days. We highly encourage families to get involved.

*Two-way communication is encouraged through Progress Reports, Parent Portal,, Parent Conferences, and Talking Points. Ongoing communication between school personnel and families to build strong parent-school partnerships is crucial for student success.