

# Wichita Falls High School



## Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy

### **Statement of Purpose**

Wichita Falls High School is committed to ensuring the success of our students. Our vision is that everyone at Wichita Falls High School will be respectful, productive, and responsible members of our school and community. Our goal is to provide the opportunity for each student to reach his/her own intellectual, emotional, and physical potential. As a staff, we agree that each student's best interest is served when the school and home work together to improve learning.

The goals of our parent involvement program are to:

- Support the efforts of the parents who work with their children in the home to attain the instructional goals of the school
- Consult with the parents concerning the manner in which the school and parents can work better together to achieve our campus instructional goals
- Provide a comprehensive range of opportunities for parents and guardians alike to become informed about how the campus instructional goals will be designed, operated, and evaluated
- Provide opportunities for parents to get involved in special events designed to allow community access to the school

### **Title 1 and the Law**

The purpose of Title 1 is to provide funding to qualifying schools to improve the educational opportunities of underachieving students so they might be more successful in the regular program and attain grade level proficiency. The measurement of student success is through acquiring knowledge and skills contained in the state content standards (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills- TEKS) and evaluated through the state performance standards (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness- STAAR). The most recent legislation that affects Title 1 is the No Child Left Behind Act (public law 107-110). The law requires:

- School districts have a written policy regarding parent involvement
- Parents be involved in the design, operation, and evaluation of Title 1
- Parents be consulted about home/school activities and to be trained to help their children
- Whenever possible, information be presented in the language spoken by the majority of Title 1 parents

Districts receiving Title 1, Part A funds must implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in the Title 1 program. A written parent involvement policy must be developed, agreed upon, and reviewed periodically with parents and distributed to parents. Parental involvement is one of the ten components of a school wide Title 1 program.

### **Parent - Student - Staff Compact**

The Wichita Falls High School compact is an agreement to be signed by the staff, parent, and student. The compact lays out the agreements by which each party is to meet the obligations and expectations toward a successful school year. The WFHS Compact will be included with the first report card and kept on file with the student's records. Parents are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact with the child and sign the compact.

### **Annual Meetings**

WFHS staff will schedule meetings throughout the school year designed to provide information to parents related to the instruction that students receive while at school and ways that parents can support the mission of the school.

At the prior to the beginning of the school, an Orientation for new 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be held to allow the parents and new 9<sup>th</sup> graders to come, orient themselves to the building, pick up their schedules, and learn about the school

Parent conference day will be held at the end of the first six weeks so that parents may come, pick up their child's first report cards, and conference with their child's teachers as needed.

The counselors will hold additional informative trainings for parents/guardians to come learn about a variety of topics from parenting to educational processes. These meetings will include ideas and resources to help parents with children.

PTSO and Athletic and Music Booster clubs hold meetings regularly throughout the school year.

### **Parent Involvement Opportunities**

WFHS provides multiple opportunities for parents to get involved. The WFHS Site Based Decision Making Committee has two parent representatives. WFHS has a PTSO, Athletic Booster Club, Band Booster Club, and Choir Booster Club. Many athletic and cheerleading/Pep Squad events, musical concerts featuring our award winning band, orchestra and choirs, National Honor Society events, Student Council events, Chess Club events, community volunteering activities, banquets, and honor awards ceremonies are open to parents and the community.

### **Student Support Team**

Student achievement is the heart of the WFHS staff. Progress of struggling students is monitored by the WFHS Student Support Team. The team is made up of a group of knowledgeable staff members. Additional district staff are invited to attend meetings to help best support our students' needs. Parents will be notified of their child's progress and will be contacted with concerns from the Student Support Team. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teachers to monitor progress in classwork, attend parent conferences, contact the counselor or administrators with concerns, and encourage their child to participate in the interventions offered to help increase their progress in school. Assisting students needing help in an effective, timely manner is one of the components of a Title 1 program.

### **Home/School Communication**

WFHS believes that another component of keeping a positive relationship established with parents is communication. The campus will maintain a link on the district website at [www.wfisd.net](http://www.wfisd.net) so that parents can access the WFHS webpage. WFHS also notifies

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the community of upcoming events and information via public relations who then pushes the information out to the media, district webpage, and calendar/news links. WFHS also uses Parent Link to email out information and call parents about a variety of reminders and information. Parents are strongly encouraged to use Family Access/Student Grade book through Skyward. This will allow them to check their student's grades, progress, attendance, and events at school.

### **School Accountability**

In accordance with state law, a copy of the School Accountability Report card is available on the district website at [www.wfisd.net](http://www.wfisd.net) and can also be accessed at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us>. Follow the links to school report card section. This report card provides information contained in the Academic Excellence Information System.