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Pittsburgh Whittier K-5 Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2023-2024

- This school's Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been developed with, agreed upon, and distributed to parents. Families received a copy at our Back To School Night on August 23, 2023 in advance of the yearly review. Staff explained the policy and asked for feedback. Families were able to offer any revisions and/or changes prior to and at the Annual Title I meeting on September 13, 2023. Two meetings were held to accommodate families. One at 8:30-9:45 AM and a repeat at 3:15-4:30 PM.
- Parent meetings at the school level will be held at various times in order to allow all parents to attend. The meetings will be on the second Wednesday of every month.
- Parent conferences will be held on October 9.
- All other meetings or conferences at the school will be handled to accommodate parent schedules.
- Title I funds may be used to pay expenses associated with Title I Parent and Family Engagement relating to Reading and Math activities, including but not limited to funds to pay for meals, activities, etc. that enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and trainings.
- Parents will be involved in the development of this policy and the school improvement plan. Parents are invited to the annual Title I meeting to review and provide input on the policy. The school will provide parents and the community members with an update on how the school is utilizing Title I funds. Parents are encouraged to offer suggestions to engage parents in school events and trainings. Staff members will share with parents and community members how the school is progressing towards meeting their school improvement goals.
- Parents will provide feedback in the yearly district parent survey.

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- Parents will be informed of programs available through the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and under Title I law. Parents will also be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I program.
- Parents will be informed of their child's progress via report cards, interim reports, student monitoring tools with data from assessments, and results from district and state tests. The forms of academic assessments are:
 - *DIBELS: Grades K-5
 - *PSSA: Grades 3, 4, 5
 - *Math Screener K-5
 - *Math Exemplars: Grades K-5
 - *Unit/Chapter Assessments in both Reading and Math
 - *CDT Reading, Math and Science Assessments
 - *Study Island and Achieve 3000

The following curricula are used at Pittsburgh Whittier K-5:

Reading: Open Court

Math: Go Math

Science: Carolina

- During the 2023-2024 school year, Whittier will offer a math night and a reading night during a PSCC meeting to inform parents of the curriculum.
- As a school we will collaborate with the entire learning community to facilitate the PA Common Core State Standards, student achievement goals, local academic assessments, and monitoring children's progress and work with teachers to improve the achievement of their children through volunteer training sessions and PSCC meetings.
- Provide high quality instruction by planning relevant and rigorous activities and assignments that are aligned to PA Core State Standards.
- Ensure that all students are intellectually engaged and check for student understanding.
- Parents will talk daily with their children about the classroom academic activities and maintain open dialogue with teachers and school administration.

- Parents will have access to the eSchool PLUS Home Access Center (HAC). HAC access provides parents with the ability to monitor their child's current grades, attendance and any assignment information securely from internet browser at home as well as on many mobile devices. Parents will receive a specific password to access their children's grades at any time throughout the year.
- The PSCC will meet on August 23, 2023 to discuss the Home/School Compact draft, a work in-progress, and will finalize the Home/School Compact at the September 13, 2023 to give parents who could not attend the meeting time to express their suggestions.
- The school will educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents and family members, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents and family members as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and family members and the school. Videos from SPAC (State Advisory Council, PDE) will be reviewed, discussed, and reflected upon by staff members.
- Information sent to parents regarding school and parent programs, meetings and other activities, will be communicated in a language that the parents can understand.