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Pittsburgh Woolslair PreK - 5
Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2022 - 2023 School Year
(revised 9/21/2022)

At Pittsburgh Woolslair Pre K-5, we are committed to ensuring that all of our students have strong academic and social skills with high standards of achievement. By doing this, we strive to prepare our students to become successful, responsible adults and productive members of our community. We include parents and the community as team partners in this learning process. We also invite parents and community members to help develop/revise our School Improvement Plan. Parent / Family input is vital to our overall success. Interested individuals will be invited to our team planning meetings.

Our Parent and Family Engagement Policy is reviewed and updated every September. This policy outlines how parents, students, and school staff will contribute to our students' academic and social success.

Title I is a federally funded program that supports student achievement and gives parents a choice in their child's educational planning. To get the funds, each state must submit a plan describing: what all children are expected to know and be able to do; the high-quality standards of achievement that all students are expected to meet and ways to measure progress. Pittsburgh Woolslair Pre K-5 Title I Program is designed to enhance the educational program that will impact student achievement. The primary goal is to ensure that all students, particularly those who are low achieving, demonstrate proficiency on the state and academic standards. Our goal is to increase our students' scores on the state and local district assessment. The school will provide trainings surrounding the literacy and math needs of our families. We understand that a child's education is a collaborative responsibility shared by the school and family.

A reasonable portion of the Title I funds may be used to pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent engagement activities, including transportation, child care, or home visit expenses to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.

The members of the Pittsburgh Woolslair Pre K-5 Parent School Community Council (PSCC) define parent engagement as:

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1. A continuous exchange of support and feedback between families and staff of Pittsburgh Woolslair Pre K-5.
2. Active parental participation in the child's life.
3. Valuing educational accomplishments and celebrating academic excellence.

The Parent School Community Council (PSCC) also meets monthly. The times vary throughout the year based on feedback given from the parents. This monthly meeting ensures that our families have an opportunity to review progress and changes to the School-Wide Title I Program.

The annual Title I meeting occurred on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. During this meeting, parents had the opportunity to review to the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the Home School Compact. Families were asked to provide feedback to further enhance the policy. Also, curriculum updates were provided to the parents. A parent survey will be given to prioritize student/family needs. This survey will be used to help plan future professional development sessions for families, teachers, and staff. It will also help to strengthen our Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

To show our yearly overall commitment to our Parent and Family Engagement Policy, parents, students, and staff sign a Title I Compact. These compact aims to ensure everyone's promise to setting the child's educational process as a high priority in our ever changing world.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that all teachers and staff shall annually be educated, with the assistance of parents, in how to better communicate with, or work with, parents as equal partners. The review of Title I State Parent Advisory Council (SPAC) skits during our monthly PSCC meetings with staff and families will reinforce these crucial communication skills.

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meets once a month at varying times to meet parent needs. These meetings are open to parents, teachers, administration, and community partners. This group meets to discuss student incentives, volunteerism, fundraising, upcoming events, and academic questions and concerns. The PTO sponsors

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various fundraisers throughout the school year to raise funds to support student activities.

At Pittsburgh Woolslair, families have the opportunity to meet with teachers on our Parent-Teacher Conference Day (Monday, October 10th). During these meetings, parents can view their child's current grades, standardized test scores, state assessment scores, as well as local district assessments. Parents are also given guides to their child's proficiency level and where they scored as related to benchmark scores. Parents are also invited to review the curricula. Teachers explain each student's placement in our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS -Tier Time) Groups. During these conferences, parents and families will also share the best methods for communicating between teachers and families. This may include phone calls, emails, notes, and even face-to-face meetings when needed.

Pittsburgh Woolslair Pre K-5 has in place many strategies to increase and enhance our Parent and Family Engagement. These strategies include:

1. Monthly Student/Parent Calendars
2. Parent Teacher Conference Days
3. Recruitment of Parent Volunteers
4. Parent Educational Workshops including Literacy/Mathematics
5. Interim Progress Reports
6. Take Your Child to Work Day
7. Musical Performances
8. Fund Raising Participation
9. Spring Field Day
10. Take Your Father to School Day
11. Quarterly Report Cards
12. Family Nights

In the monthly newsletters, parents will receive timely information about the Title I program, including upcoming training sessions. These sessions will help parents work with their child to improve the child's achievement. PSSA preparation professional development sessions will be provided beginning in January to help parents prepare students for the upcoming assessments. Proficiency levels will be shared at this time with participants. Any communication that will need translated based upon families home language will be sent to our English As a Second Language department for



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translation. Also, as parents request, translators will be provided at the school for meetings.

Pittsburgh Woolslair Pre K-5 stresses the importance of volunteerism. After completion of Act 33 (Child Abuse) and Act 164 (Criminal History) clearances and if needed an FBI fingerprint, volunteers will be welcomed into our school. Copies of these clearances will be maintained in the school office. All volunteers must sign in at the main office while adhering to all Covid-19 guidelines.