

Western Reserve Local School District

Parent Involvement Policy



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Parental Involvement—A Home-School-District Partnership

The Western Reserve Local School Board recognizes that strong, continuing family and community involvement in all aspects of school programs and activities provides support for measurable improvement in student achievement.

This school board policy creates a collaborative environment in which the families of our students are invited and encouraged to be involved stakeholders in the school community. It establishes the framework and responsibilities for implementation of strategies to increase family and community involvement. A copy of this policy is available to all parents on the Western Reserve Local School District Website. A paper or electronic copy will be provided upon request.

The term parent is defined as any adult; mother, father, aunt, uncle, grandparent, guardian/foster parent who plays a significant role in the care of a student or students enrolled in the Western Reserve Local School District. Parental involvement includes all entities involved in a child's education. This includes the school, preschool programs, vocational schools, tutoring facilities, and tutoring facilities.

Parent Responsibilities

The importance of parents as their child's first teachers shall be recognized by parents and supported by the school. The school will provide the appropriate support and assistance needed to meet the expectations for educating their child. Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.

Parents are expected to:

- Set guidelines and clear expectations of good behavior and academic performance;
- Ensure that their children have a quiet place and time to read, study and complete homework assignments;

- Discuss daily work assignments, progress reports and report cards with their children;
- Ensure that their children attend school on time every day and promptly report any absences or tardiness;
- Communicate with the school through written and electronic messages, telephone and /or conference meetings;
- Ensure their children have the materials needed to complete class work and home learning;
- Take an active part in school activities, such as Meet-The-Teacher, PTO meetings, and participate in parent and family activities.
- Keep their children healthy by ensuring that they get enough sleep, appropriate nutrition and medical care;
- Bring to the attention of appropriate school personnel any problem or condition that negatively affects their children, or other children in the school community;
- participate fully as partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;

School Responsibilities

The Western Reserve Local School District realizes the important role that parents/legal guardians and the family play in a child's education. The school will provide a safe, welcome environment for children to learn and parents to participate actively in their child's education. Western Reserve Local School District will take the following actions to involve parents/legal guardians in their child's education.

- Western Reserve Local School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its school parental involvement plan under section 1118 of the ESEA:
 - Hold an annual parent meeting to discuss, develop, modify the parent involvement plan.
 - Gather information from a parent involvement survey.
 - Provide regular opportunities for parents to give input.

2. Western Reserve Local School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:
 - A. Develop a parent advisory group to plan parent activities throughout the year.
 - B. Distribute and analyze parent involvement surveys to identify need.
 - C. Annual parent meeting
 - D. Opportunities for parents to participate in their child's education through partner activities both during and after school
3. The Western Reserve Local School District will hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a time convenient for parents and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting, and will encourage them to attend, by:
 - A. Scheduling during a time that will accommodate parent's schedules.
 - B. Distributing information in the monthly school/ community newsletter.
 - C. Providing childcare whenever possible.