

West Hernando Middle School's Parental Involvement Plan Summary

Schools that receive Title I, Part A funds must develop jointly with, agree upon, and distribute to parents a written parental involvement plan. The plan establishes the expectations for parental involvement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parental involvement activities, and is incorporated into the school-wide Title I / School Improvement Plan submitted to the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE).

Involving Parents in the Planning, Review and Improvement of Title I

All parents are invited to become members of the Title I Committee. Participation is solicited through backpack notices, and automated phone calls to the parents of every student at West Hernando Middle School. At these meetings parents participate in the planning of Title I parent involvement activities. Also, all parents who are interested in participating in the district Family Engagement Team (FET) should contact the Title I Facilitator the beginning of the school year.

Coordinating and Integrating Parental Involvement Activities with Other Programs

The school networks with other agencies and programs including the Students and Families in Transition Program, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Adult Literacy, and Exceptional Student Education (ESE). The purpose is to coordinate services and programs that work with parents to help their children.

What to Expect at a Title I Annual Meeting

Parents receive information about the school's grades, Title I budget and Title I programs at the Title I Annual Meeting. Parents who are unable to attend the annual meeting will receive a "Sorry we missed you" packet with information distributed at the Title I Annual Meeting event. Parents also learn about academic expectations for their children, assessments such as FSA, FCAT Science, FSAA (Florida Standards Alternate Assessment), and the curriculum that is used in their child's classroom.

Building the Capacity for Strong Parental Involvement at the School Level

West Hernando provides a variety of school-wide family events to help parents work with their children to increase their child's achievement reading, writing, science, social studies, and math. Additionally, WHMS will support parents by providing direct support for parents to navigate Edline. Workshops vary each year based on parent input identify areas of need or interest. Parents are surveyed at the Annual Meeting and at Title I Committee meetings.

Professional Development Opportunities for School Staff in the Area of Parental Involvement

The school provides training for teachers each year to help them work with parents to communicate student progress and secure parent involvement in each child's education.

West Hernando Title I Resources to Families

West Hernando is committed to supporting families as we work together for student achievement. Throughout the year, WHMS will offer workshops and meetings on topics of interest to parents. If you would like additional support or resources, please contact Susan Jackson, Title I Facilitator at (352) 797-7035.

About the Title I Program, the School's Curriculum and Academic Standards and Assessments for Parents

The grade level curriculum, academic assessments, and student proficiency levels are discussed at parent/teacher conferences, at the Title I Annual Meeting and at parent/teacher decision making committee meetings. Parents are encouraged to schedule a conference with their child's teacher whenever there is a concern. Teachers are flexible in scheduling conferences at different times of the day. Additionally, parents are invited to contact their child's teachers via e-mail. A faculty and staff directory will be made available on our school's website.

Accessibility of our Parental Involvement Programs

Translators are available for general meetings, if requested, and standardized documents such as the District Parental Involvement Plan, the School Parental Involvement Plan, and the School – Parent Compact are made available in English and Spanish.

Parents who have a disability are accommodated upon request. WHMS is an ESE cluster site serving students with both cognitive and physical disabilities. Also, with advanced notice, the district Student Services Department can provide sign language interpreters, and transportation for parents in need of transportation to attend parent/teacher conferences during school hours.

The district also provides a district liaison who works with families in transition.

Other Parental Involvement Activities

Parents are an important part of decision making committees including the Family Engagement Team, Title I Committee, and School Advisory Council. Our District Family Engagement Team (FET) parents learn leadership skills and encourage other parents to become involved with school committees and activities. FET parents participate in Title I program and parent involvement decisions at the district level. Parents provide input, and help develop, implement, and evaluate key components of our Title I School programs.

PARENT NOTIFICATIONS

Parents receive information about school events and activities in a variety of formats including the WHMS Website, flyers, press releases, the school marquee, global phone messaging system and newsletters.

As required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the following information is to be shared annually with parents. The distribution of this document shall serve as a formal notification to parents regarding the following issues:

Right to Request Information

Each parent of a student in a Title I school has the right to request information about the professional qualifications of the student's teacher(s) and any teacher assistants who serve the student. This information will be provided by the administrative office at the school upon request. This notice will also be provided by the school to all parents.

Parent Notification Regarding Non-Highly Qualified Teachers

ESSA (federal education law) requires the district to notify the parent when a teacher, who is not certified, teaches your child for four consecutive weeks. If this occurs, your child's school will send home a letter giving you information regarding your child's teacher.

Parent Notification Regarding Individual Student Achievement on State Assessments

Each year a school that receives Title I, Part A funds must provide parents with an individual student report informing them of their child's level of achievement on the state's assessments in reading/language arts, and math.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of West Hernando Middle School, a community of diverse learners, is to provide a rigorous, relevant, and collaborative learning experience where success and dedication are celebrated within a safe, caring environment.

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For your convenience the Parental Involvement Plan, in its entirety is available at the front office and on our website at: <https://www.hernandoschools.org/whms>

West Hernando Middle School Parental Involvement Plan has been reviewed, evaluated and revised by the Title I Committee composed of parents, school staff and administration.

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