

WALNUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parent Involvement Policy - Title 1

2016-2017

Walnut Elementary School's Title I Parent Involvement Policy embraces and reflects the vision and beliefs of the William Penn School District.

Our vision is to engage all staff, parents, and members of the larger community as to assure a safe and positive atmosphere for learning in which all students can achieve high academic standards and acquire skills of productive citizenship which values and respects self and others.

- We believe that every individual has worth.
- We believe that every individual can learn.
- We believe that students, parents, school, and community working in partnership promote lifelong learning.
- We believe that every individual in the learning community is entitled to a safe and healthy environment.
- We believe that every individual is entitled to access to opportunities which develop one's potential.
- We believe that our community's diversity is its strength.
- We believe that knowledge is the result of active and purposeful learning.

Walnut Elementary School invites all parents to become involved in their child's education by taking part in our Home and School Association and as a parent partner in our classrooms. To promote meaningful parent communication and participation, the Walnut Elementary School staff will communicate with our parents in several ways; by telephone; by email; in person; through school calendars; flyers, Facebook and using our communication student folder, which is sent home every Wednesday afternoon with important information. We will host a variety of community events throughout the school year to increase parental involvement and to build solid relationships with the school staff and our families. In addition, we will provide professional development opportunities to educate school staff in enhancing customer service relations and in understanding the value of parents as contributing partners.

Walnut Elementary School will host our parents during the following events: an Open House; monthly or bi-monthly Home and School Meetings; Donuts with Dads; Reading Night; Report Card conferences; Math Night, PSSA Night;; Student talent show; Bingo Night; Family Fun Night; and an annual parent meeting to discuss the current Parent Involvement Policy, and other events as scheduled. Parents will be asked to complete a survey at the end of each school year as a way to give input concerning parent involvement activities and the implementation of the Title I Program for the next school year.

At the Title 1 parent meeting, our parents will be given an opportunity to collaborate with the school's team and to revise details in the current plan. Parents will have the opportunity to learn about the school's standards-based curriculum, local and state assessments, and proficiency expectations at our Open House, report card conferences and our academic nights. Also during our PSSA information night our parents will attend workshops to learn strategies and techniques to help support their child's educational performance in regards to assessments and academic standards.

Walnut Elementary School uses a financial allocation from the school district each year to promote parental involvement and to provide funds for parent workshops. The Principal is available for consultation and welcomes parental input in determining how to best use these funds to support their involvement in the academic success of their children.

The components of our Title 1 plan provide our parents with the opportunities to:

- ✓ Build relationships with school staff educating their children
- ✓ Obtain information regarding highly qualified staff
- ✓ Engage in decision making in regards to funding allocations
- ✓ Participate in developing and updating our Parental Involvement Policy
- ✓ Obtain a copy of our Title 1 Parental Involvement Policy
- ✓ Secure technical assistance and support in planning and implementing an effective parental involvement policy
- ✓ Obtain resources, materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their academic and overall school performance; i.e. literacy, mathematics and technology
- ✓ Obtain school information regarding planned parent programs, meetings and activities in a timely manner and in a readable format
- ✓ Participate in our annual meeting for Title 1 parents and those held at different times during the school year
- ✓ Obtain a description of the curriculum and assessments used in the school and annual grade achievement proficiency targets set
- ✓ Attend Home and School meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate in decision making related to the education of their children
- ✓ Obtain and sign the Walnut Elementary, parent, student and school compact