

Penn Wood Middle School

Mission Statement & Parent Involvement Policy

2015-2016

The Penn Wood Middle School's Title I Parent Involvement Policy embraces and incorporates the vision and beliefs of Penn Wood Middle School and the William Penn School District.

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to prepare all students for high school and beyond as determined by State standards. This will be accomplished by focusing on instructional rigor, using data to inform instruction, setting high expectations, increasing student engagement, as well as accepting and teaching personal accountability. To that end, our team of educators will collaborate with all stakeholders, combining passion with innovative practices to inspire lifelong learning.

- All students are entitled to equal access of quality standards-based education in a safe environment.
- Despite the many challenges associated with middle grade education, the number one factor impacting student success is high quality instruction.
- The successful development of an adolescent depends on support networks consisting of parents, teachers, mentors, administrators, and community.
- We believe that knowledge is the result of active and purposeful learning.
- Constructive and respectful intellectual debate amongst colleagues regarding professional practices is critical to our success.

Parent Involvement Policy:

Penn Wood Middle School invites all parents to become involved in their child's school through taking part in the Penn Wood Middle Home and School Association.

In order to promote meaningful parent participation, Penn Wood Middle School will host several events throughout the school year to improve communication between the school and the family. Penn Wood Middle School will hold an annual Title I Back-to-School Night, report card conferences (offered at a variety of times during the day and evening), and other events. Parents will have the opportunity to learn about the school's standards-based curriculum, local and state assessments, and proficiency expectations at Back-to-School Night and at report card conferences.

A Success In Schools Night will be offered in the Winter and a PSSA Information Meeting will take place prior to the testing window to inform parents of how to best support their children in the assessment process.

Penn Wood Middle School receives a financial allocation from the school district each year to promote parental involvement and to provide funds for parent workshops. The Principal and the School Site Facilitator are available for consultation and welcome parent input in determining how to best use these funds to support their involvement in the academic success of their children. In addition, Penn Wood Middle will hold a meeting in the spring of the year to get input from parents in making plans for the next school year.

Penn Wood Middle School is committed to helping parents in their work to foster the improvement of their child's academic performance. In addition to the regularly scheduled events and conferences, Penn Wood Middle will hold at least one workshop each year to provide parents with strategies and techniques to help support their child's educational performance and to give updated information about the state and/or local assessments and academic standards.

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 year.

2015-2016 School Year

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Please review Penn Wood Middle School's Title I Parent Involvement Policy, sign your name below, and return this letter to your child's homeroom teacher. If there are changes to this policy, the updated document will be sent home to you as soon as possible.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brian Wilson, Principal
Mrs. Heidi Quarracino, Site Facilitator

I have reviewed the 2015-2016 Title I Parent Involvement Policy and find it to be satisfactory (signature)

Comments:
