

Wawasee Community School Corporation Parent/Family Participation in Title I Program

Wawasee Community School Corporation (WCSC) is committed to the active involvement of parents and families in students' educational programs and experiences. Through respectful and ongoing communication, schools and families can ensure the academic success of each student. The district and individual schools will provide the technical assistance and other necessary supports to foster this partnership.

District Level Commitments:

- A. WCSC will establish and maintain a Title I Parent Advisory Committee. This committee will be responsible for the annual review of the district Title I Parent Involvement Policy, as well as, exploring opportunities for parent involvement.

- B. Open Houses/Back-to-School Nights in all Title I Schools will provide parents/families with the opportunity to see the facilities, meet the staff, and learn of the schools' programs and curriculum.

- C. Parents/families of children in Title I Schools will be provided information on the Title I program and their rights through the distribution of the following:
 - I. Parent's Right to Know Letter
 - II. WCSC Title I Parent Involvement Policy
 - III. School Parent Involvement Policy
 - IV. School-Parent Compact

- D. WCSC will post school and corporation achievement data on its website.

- E. Parents/families will receive results of local assessments at least twice a year and state assessments annually, if applicable. Letters of explanation will accompany the results. Principals/schools will be encouraged to provide suggestions/resources to aid parents/families in supporting their children's learning based on their assessment results.

- F. WCSC will encourage and support schools in their efforts to provide parents/families with opportunities for learning about state standards, district curriculum, effective instructional strategies, technology and at-home activities that support children's learning.

- G. WCSC will support building principals in the training of certified staff in the various means and expectations for continual, positive communication for partnering with parents and honoring the contributions they make to their child's education. Support and/or resources will be provided as requested by building administration.

- H. WCSC partners with agencies and organizations such as Kosciusko Literacy Services, United Way of Kosciusko County, Kosciusko County Head Start and local preschools/daycare centers to offer support and information to families of preschool children and incoming kindergartners.
- I. WCSC will communicate with all stakeholders by publishing district and school events in local newspapers and distributing to all households, The Reporter, a summer publication that provides information on the district, all schools, enrollment, and other pertinent information. The WAWASEE Schoolhouse, a WCSC publication that highlights activities occurring in the schools throughout the district is distributed to all households periodically throughout the school year. WSCS will also communicate via social media and postings on the district and schools' websites.
- J. WCSC will hold a State of the Corporation Address at a public forum. The forums will be set up to allow parents and other stakeholders an opportunity to not only ask questions, but engage in dialogue.
- K. WCSC will be open to suggestions offered by parents/families and work with building administration to consider those suggestions as parents may request.
- L. Multiple communication lines (i.e. email, phone, newsletters, personal notes) are available to parents/families to share information and/or discuss matters of interest with regard to child/school/home relationships and/or academic progress. Translation is provided, as needed.
- M. Training is provided to teachers and parents/families with regard to district curriculum, instructional frameworks, and effective, research-based instructional strategies.

School Level Commitments:

- A. Parents/families are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Title I Parent Meeting held in the Fall in each Title I School.
- B. Parents/families are invited and encouraged to become members of decision-making teams such as the PL221 School Improvement Team or the Title Schoolwide Planning Team. Interested parents should contact the building principal.
- C. Each Title I School supports a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) which meets throughout the school year.
- D. Each Title I School provides a variety of options for parents/families to communicate with faculty and staff. These may include, but are not limited to,

parent/teacher conferences, e-mail, personal notes, phone calls, classroom newsletters, school newsletters, surveys or meetings. Translation is provided, as needed.

- E. Each Title I School provides all families with the school's Parent Involvement Policy and the School-Parent Compact.
- F. Parents/families are provided access to Indiana's Academic Standards for the appropriate grade level(s).
- G. Parents/families are provided suggestions for supporting their child's learning at home.
- H. Kindergarten Orientation is held in the Spring of every school year. Schools work with local Head Start, preschools and daycare centers to notify parents of orientation dates and kindergarten eligibility age requirements.
- I. Attendance is monitored closely and parents are contacted when absences are interfering with the child's academic progress.
- J. Parents/families are invited and encouraged to participate in field trips and other learning opportunities with their child.
- K. Annual case conferences are held for students with Individual Education Plans.
- L. Annually, each Title I School reviews and updates its Parent Involvement Policy in accordance with Title I guidelines.