

Winter Park Family Engagement Policy

2021-2022

Winter Park's School Level Family Engagement Policy is created and revised with input from our School Improvement Team, which includes staff and family representatives.

We also seek input through surveys, family engagement activities, School Improvement Team meetings, and volunteer orientations. Our policy is sent out to all families, and posted on our school website. The purpose/vision of our policy is to engage our families as full partners in their child's academic experience at Winter Park.

List of Assurances:

Winter Park Elementary School will:

- Host an annual meeting to:
 - welcome families
 - learn more about the curriculum
 - learn how Title 1 funding supports our school
 - make families aware of their right to be involved in their child's education
 - make families aware of the importance of being involved in their child's education
- Offer multiple opportunities for families to interact and work with their children and teachers. Winter Park will host the following engagement opportunities throughout the 21-22 school year:
 - September: Title 1 Digital Deep Dive Night
 - October/November:
 - Your Pie fundraiser & community building night
 - Beginning of Year individual conferences
 - December:
 - Winter Arts Showcase Event
 - Islands fundraiser & community building night
 - January/February:
 - Middle of Year individual conferences
 - March:
 - Family Game Night (grade level specific academic themed)
 - April:
 - NC Science Night
 - Spring Musical
- Develop, share, and sign a School/Student/Parent Compact that outlines shared responsibilities for student achievement.
- Send take-home educational materials related to all curriculums being used at school, including Eureka, Reading & Writing Fundamentals, Foundations, and Studies Weekly.
- Provide meaningful two-way communication with families (examples: phone calls, conferences, Remind messages, ClassDojo, weekly principal updates, monthly family newsletters, classroom newsletters)
- Provide materials in language parents can understand, to the extent practicable.

- Survey families periodically to receive feedback regarding the development of family engagement activities and areas for improvement.
- Dedicate a minimum of 1% of Title 1 funds for family engagement activities.
- Partner with local businesses and organizations, including Winter Park Baptist Church, Wesley United Methodist Church, NourishNC, to create meaningful opportunities for our students.
- Parents must sign in at all school meetings and events. Sign-in sheets are recorded with dates and times, and kept on file for audits. Additionally, minutes are kept from all meetings.

School-Parent Compact:

Winter Park has developed and shared our School-Parent Compact. The compact, which was developed with feedback from School Improvement Team members, outlines how the entire school staff, students, and parents will share the responsibility for improved academic student achievement. It describes specific ways our school and families will partner to help all our students be successful.

Family Engagement Dates:

Specific calendar dates are shared in the monthly newsletter from the principal, weekly updates from the principal, School Messenger texts and phone calls, as well as in newsletters from classroom teachers.

Title 1 Money:

At our beginning of the school year, we shared the list of ways our Title 1 money is spent throughout the year. The comprehensive list is also included below:

- Classroom Teacher
- MTSS Coach (2)
- Certified Part-Time Tutor (2)
- Instructional Supplies
- Parent Involvement Events & Activities