

ONLY TITLE I SCHOOLS NEED TO WRITE A FEP IN 2024-2025

Schools must create or update their Family Engagement Plan (FEP) by October 1 each year.

As of Fall of 2023, you're able to create your FEP by filling in the boxes below. Then, you can then print a PDF of your FEP which you can post on your website and share with your families (delete this row before sharing with families).

Part of the federal and state requirements for Title funding include making sure that the FEP is developed in partnership with families. Resources to help in the creation of your FEP is available on the Title I Compliance Resources website. <https://titlei.org/resources/1977201/TitleI-Compliance-Resources-Website>

Family Engagement Plan (FEP), 2024-25

School Information	
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This plan was developed in partnership with families and approved on:	May 31, 2024
Introduction to the Family Engagement Plan	We need the help of our families to reach our school goals for student success and achievement. Below is our plan for how we'll meaningfully engage families in equitable and accessible ways during the 2024-25 school year. There are specific goals we'll work to achieve and ways we plan to achieve each goal listed below

Mission & Vision	
School Mission Statement	Encourage exploration, inquiry, and critical thinking. Provide learning opportunities that integrate subject areas. Promote local and global action. Respect cultural similarities and difference
School Vision Statement	All Whittier International Elementary students will become independent global thinkers through inquiry and action

Family & Community Voice and Engagement	
How family & community voices are gathered at our school	Site council meetings, Coffee, Affinity groups, Tea and 18, Parent meetings, surveys, phone conversations, in-person conversations (dismissal etc), conferences, other events, talking points, whatsapp, etc
The primary challenges/areas of need identified by families and community members at our school	Continued growth in reading and math, strong affirming culture for all students, physical and emotional safety
The primary hopes and aspirations identified by families & community members at our school	More families involved, more consideration for families who have less school experience and do not speak English as their first language, more accessibility for family engagement, building off of family events to make them even better, more avenues for parent volunteers in classrooms and other school projects

Family Engagement Strategies	
FEP Strategy Name	All families feel welcome in our school and have equal access to opportunities to be involved in their students' education
We will host the following community-building and cultural events this year:	August 29th: Open House, September 26th: Latino Heritage Night, October 25th: Community Ed Fall Festival, November 14th: Winter Wonderland, January Date TBD: LL night, February 27th: Black History Night, March 20th: Read-A-Thon Event, April 17th: Eid Celebration/Somali Heritage, May 30th: Wolfpack Party
We will notify families of how to get involved in the events listed on our FEP, how to access school staff, and how to volunteer through:	Monthly newsletter (howler) on paper and in email, Talking points reminders, robo-calls, robo-emails, website updates
We will ensure all families can participate by providing the following:	Interpretation for Spanish and Somali at all events, transportation support if needed
FEP Strategy Name	All families are informed of the steps our school is taking to improve student outcomes and achieve equity
(Title I Schools) We will host our annual State of the School (Title I)	Friday, October 25th at 9:30am in the Media Center
We will inform families of the steps our school is taking to improve student outcomes and achieve equity through:	Sharing SIP on website, sharing goals with Site Council and at State of the Schools, sending information home via robo-email/call/talking points
FEP Strategy Name	Families will play an important role in developing our School Improvement and Family Engagement plans, and will provide valued input on how we spend our resources.
We will get family input on our School Improvement Plan for next year in:	October 25th- Site Council Meeting, Parent/Teacher conferences in October and February.
We will get family input on our Family Engagement Plan for next year in:	March 2025- we want to get the feedback before we make budget decisions and May 2025 to finalize FEP
We will get family input on how we'll use our resources next year to support student achievement and engage families in:	March 2024- we want to get the feedback before we make budget decisions
We will host regular Site Council meetings on:	The last Friday of the month at 9:30am.
FEP Strategy Name	All school staff members, family members, and students understand the important role they each play in making sure students achieve success at our school.
(Title I Schools) We will get family input on our School-Family Compact for next year in:	May 2024 and September 2024 (Site Council meetings)
(Title I Schools) We will share our School-Family Compact with families by:	October conferences
FEP Strategy Name	All families understand how to support their students' academic achievement.
All the following events, we will help families understand our school curriculum, state standards, assessments their students take, and how we measure student achievement and success:	Open House- Thursday, August 29, State of the Schools- Friday, October 25th, Family Conferences- Tuesday, October 15th/Wednesday October 16th, Curriculum Night- Thursday, November 14th
In addition to the events above, we will also help families understand our school curriculum, state standards, assessments their students will take, and how we will measure student achievement and success in the following ways:	Take home letters, frequent updates from school staff, notifications of assessments and explanation of results
We will host the following academically-focused family events:	Curriculum Night- November 14, Read-a-thon/Reading Night- March 20, 2025
FEP Strategy Name	All staff will be trained on how to effectively partner with families.
We will provide professional development on family engagement to our staff on the following topics this year:	Using IB to promote equity, HHM resources for families, support for using all communication tools