

2025-2026 West Lawn Elementary School

Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

West Lawn Elementary School intends to follow the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy guidelines in accordance with federal law, *Section 1116(a -f) ESSA, (Every Student Succeeds Act) of 2015.*

In General

Each school served under this part shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements. Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent, practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. The policy shall be made available to the local community and updated to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

☐ Schools shall provide opportunities for the participation of parents and family members including those with migratory children, limited English proficiency, or have disabilities. Parent shall be notified of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable provided in a language the parents can understand.

At West Lawn, we are committed to fostering strong partnerships with our families by providing inclusive and meaningful opportunities for involvement. We strive to ensure that all parents and family members — including those with migratory children, limited English proficiency, or disabilities — feel welcomed and empowered to participate in their children's education.

To support this goal, we offer a variety of family engagement activities throughout the year, including;

- Back to School Night
- Parent Council Team
- Annual Title I Parent Meeting
- STEM Family Nights
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Literacy Night
- Math Night
- Restaurant Nights

These events are designed to build relationships, enhance communication, and support student learning by bringing families and staff together in meaningful ways. We value the contributions of all our families and look forward to working together to ensure every student's success.

- ☐ Convene an annual parent meeting scheduled at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved.

West Lawn is committed to keeping families informed and involved in their children's education. As part of our Title I program, we will **convene an Annual Parent Meeting** to share important information about our school's participation in Title I and your rights as parents to be involved.

Date: Tuesday, October 28th

Time: 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Location: West Lawn Elementary

All parents and guardians of students participating in the Title I program are **invited and encouraged to attend**. During the meeting, families will join breakout sessions where we will explain:

- What it means to be a Title I school
- The services and supports available to students
- Parents rights under Title I
- Ways families can be involved in their child's education

For those unable to attend, we will also share the Title I information in our school newsletter to ensure all families stay informed.

- ☐ Involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

At West Lawn, we are committed to involving parents in an **organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement** of our **Parent and Family Engagement Policy**.

To ensure meaningful parent input, we offer several opportunities throughout the year including;

- Participation in the District Climate Survey, which gathers valuable feedback from families about their experiences and needs.
- Parent Advisory Council Meetings, where parents can engage in discussions about school programs and policies.
- Opportunities to Review and Provide Input on the Parent and Family Engagement Policy during meetings and school events.

We believe that families are essential partners in education, and we value your voice in shaping policies that support all students.

- ☐ Provide opportunities for parents and family members to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. The school shall provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities.

Parents are given the opportunity to participate in decisions during our Parent Advisory Council meetings as well as our annual parent meeting. Parents are able to participate during math, reading, and STEM activities during these family engagement nights (fall and spring).

- ☐ Provide parents of participating children timely information about programs under this part, a description and explanation of the curriculum in use, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards. The school will provide assistance, opportunities, and/or materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement in a format, and when feasible, in a language the parents and family members can understand.

Frequently throughout the month, parents receive letters from our curriculum informing them on what students are learning and how they can best support them. Parents and families receive standardized test results for achievement and growth during fall and spring parent-teacher conferences. For any student with an IRIP, students will receive support from the teachers on how to assist their students at home in the area of reading. Families will receive information on state standards as students complete district benchmark assessments—results may be shared at conferences and on trimester report cards. Family nights are intended to support strategies and ideas that parents can work on at home in addition to what they are learning here at school.

- ☐ Coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State and local programs, including preschool programs that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

Our students will have the opportunity to attend Title I summer school for grades K-4th and Power Camp for grades 2-5th. Our families will also learn about grade-level standards in math and reading during our family nights. West Lawn will partner with the Grand Island Library to support reading outside of school. Parents were involved in the process of planning family math and literacy nights. Any student who attends West Lawn and meets the qualifications for the extended school year can attend during the summer (must be agreed upon during the IEP meeting). Students who meet the qualifications can attend the EL summer school for K-12 students. Additionally, all students are able to self-select texts to read over the summer and send home ways they can practice math and reading skills over the summer.