

**Western Hills Elementary
Title I Parent involvement Policy
2016-2017**

Parents and staff at **Western Hills** Elementary have developed and agreed on the following Parent Involvement Policy. The policy will be posted on the school website and given out at the Annual Title I meeting. It will also be available in the campus office for any parent who requires it.

In order to build a dynamic home-school partnership, our school will provide the following:

- An annual meeting where parents will learn about the requirements of the school's Title I program and be given an opportunity to become involved with their child's education. The annual meeting will be in the first semester. Meeting information will be provided to parents through campus communication processes, including the school's website and newsletter.
- Parent conferences will be held at various times during the day to accommodate the needs of parents. Communication with parents will be in the format and language that they can understand.
- A description and explanation of the curriculum used, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress and proficiency levels students are expected to meet will be provided to parents through teacher conferences, school-wide meetings, and the school newsletter.
- Assistance to parents in understanding the state's academic content standards and the state student achievement standards based on STAAR information will be communicated through the school newsletter and a parent information meeting. Results are sent home in the spring or summer when the district receives them.
- A school/student/family-parent compact designed by parents and school staff that outlines how parents, the entire campus staff and the students will share the responsibility for improvement in student academic achievement.
- A minimum of one scheduled parent conference where the school/student/family-parent compact will be discussed as it relates to the progress of the student, as well as the expectations for the grade level school curriculum, test information, and any other concerns the teacher or parent may have.
- The opportunity for parents to help review, plan for and make suggestions to improve the Title I program as well as Parent Involvement Policy and the school/student/family-parent compact.
- Information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities will be sent to parents in a timely manner. Information will be given to parents through newsletters from the school and the school web site, and classroom teachers. In addition, the school marquee will be used to inform parents of meeting dates.
- Materials and specific training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement.

Parents and community members are always welcome to make suggestions to improve our schools. By working together we can make the students successful learners. Some of the opportunities that parents may participate in at our school are listed here:

Temple ISD Program Services

- Response to Intervention Support Team
- Research based intervention program for qualified students
- Computer intervention programs with school to home access
- Health services
 - Vision/hearing/dental screenings
- Dyslexia services
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Special Education Services
 - Speech therapy
 - Physical therapy
 - Occupational therapy
 - Special education resource/inclusion programs

Extra Things That Make Our Campus Special

- Wireless networking to classrooms with computer access
- Team Planning
- School website with on-campus webmaster
- Business partners
- Full –time counselor
- Mentors
- Watch Dog program (Dads of Great Students)
- Most important.....A staff that cares about the welfare and education of your child.

Student Involvement Opportunities

- Orchestra
- Children’s book author/storyteller visits
- 100th Day of School
- Student birthday recognition
- Red Ribbon Week
- Spirit Days
- Cup Stacking
- Dance
- Grade level performances
- Junior Master Gardeners
- Star Student of the Month
- Principal Awards

Parent Involvement Opportunities

- PTO
- Title I Meetings
- Site-Based Decision Making Committee
- Breakfast/lunch visits
- Texas Public Schools Week
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Book Fair
- Grade Level Programs
- Volunteer opportunities
- Thanksgiving Lunch with parents
- Christmas Lunch with parents
- Class Parties
- Grandparent’s Day
- Math/Science Night
- Family Literacy Night
- Art Walk
- Rockin’ Roadrunner Six Week Award Ceremonies

Parent/School Communication

- Grade level take home folders/binders
- Monthly School Newsletter
- School website
- School facebook
- Temple ISD website
- School marquee
- Open House
- Meet the Teacher Night
- E-mail
- School Messenger
- Parent Access on TISD website