

Waxahachie High School-Ninth Grade Academy
School Parental Involvement Policy
2016-2017

The Waxahachie High School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- Consistent with section 1118, the school will work to ensure that the required school level parental involvement policies meet the specifications of section 1118 of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- School will notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The policy will be made available to the local community and updated annually to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A, parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parent with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1118 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in language parents understand.
- If the school-wide program plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1114(b) of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the local education agency (school district).
- The school will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the 1 percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- The school will build its own policy and include a component for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.
- The school will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 of the ESEA as the parents may request.
- The school will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

- (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*
- (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;*

(D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

1. Waxahachie High School/Ninth Grade Academy will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its school parental involvement plan under section 1118 of the ESEA:

- *Monthly or Regularly Scheduled Parent Meetings (Booster Clubs, Parent Teacher Organization, Open House, College Credit Night (Dual Credit & Advanced Placement), FAFSA Night (Financial Aid), Guide to the Tribe (incoming 8th Graders)*
- *Participation in the Campus Advisory Team*

2. Waxahachie High School will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:

- *Parent participation in the Campus Advisory Team*
- *Participation in monthly Community Involvement Meetings (Parent Academies: Choices such as 180 Degrees, Rachel's Challenge, Suicide Prevention Parent Training October 20, 2016*

3. Waxahachie High School will hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a time convenient for parents and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting, and will encourage them to attend, by:

- *Advertising the Title 1 Meeting and Open House on the District Website on September 12th, 2016 6-8 PM*
- *School Messenger, Twitter, School Website, Report Cards*

4. Waxahachie High School will provide parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum and the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress. The proficiency levels students are expected to meet can be accessed through:

- *Enrollment in Family Access*
- *School Messenger*
- *Participation at Title 1 meeting on September 12th, 2016*

5. Waxahachie High School will at the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions in a reasonable and timely manner by:

- *Participation on the Campus Advisory Team (CAT)*
- *Parent Conferences with their child's teachers, counselor and administrator*
- *Parent Conference Nights, September 12th, 2016 and (new date to be determined)(NEW awaiting approval)*

6. Waxahachie High School will provide each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the state assessed subject areas by:

- *Including a detailed summary of each student's EOC results at the end of the school year with their report card.*

7. Waxahachie High School will take the following actions to provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002) by:

- *Sending home a letter to parents in writing within the first 4 weeks of school or when there is a change in teacher resulting in someone who is not HQ teaching the class*

8. Waxahachie High School will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph –

- the state's academic content standards,
- the state's student academic achievement standards,
- the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- the requirements of Part A,
- how to monitor their child's progress through Family Access, and
- how to work with educators:

(List activities, such as workshops, conferences, classes, both in-state and out-of-state, including any equipment or other materials that may be necessary to ensure success.)

- *Annual Campus Report Card Briefing*
- *Title 1 Meeting and Open House on the District Website on September 12th, 2016 6-8 PM*
- *Orientation for freshman and sophomore students on August 20 and 21, 2016 respectively*
- *Campus Advisory Team Meetings*
- *Community Involvement Meetings*

9. Waxahachie High School will provide materials and training to help parents work with their child to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by:

- *Participation in the Community Involvement meetings that take place for parents on a monthly basis; Parent Academies*
- *Presentation of a student/parent newcomer Building Tour*

10. Waxahachie High School will, with the assistance of its parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

- *Implement designated staff to students by grade level (Principal, Counselor, Attendance Clerk)*
- *Coordination of College/Career Center to facilitate post-secondary plans*

- *Utilizing School Messenger and Family Access*
- *Parent Conferences scheduled at the teacher/parent/administrator request*

11. Waxahachie High School will conduct activities, such as parents' resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:

- *The Counseling department will provide career counseling for all students*
- *Participation in the Community Involvement Committee*
- *Campus Advisory Team*
- *College/Career Center*

12. Waxahachie High School will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent-programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

- *Sending out messages via School Messenger in English and Spanish*
- *Sending out messages not only with students but through School Messenger Phone Blasts and School Messenger Email system*
- *Spanish translators available at planned programs*
- *Email messages from the district's "Drumbeat"*
- *Outreach to all populations and identify parent groups not in attendance*

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by meeting notes and sign-in sheets. This policy was reviewed and revised on 9/12/16 and will be in effect for the 2016-2017 school year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before 10/19/2016.