

Whitewater Middle School
2022-2023 School Year
PARENTAL AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

As a Title 1 School, Whitewater Middle School specifically invites and encourages parents to be consistently involved in the education of their child/children. Our policy, outlined below, lists the planned parent involvement activities that will be hosted across the 2022- 2023 school year.

- Parents will receive a copy of the Parent Involvement Policy (this document) which describes the ongoing activities that are held to inform and involve parents in their child's education.
- Parents will receive a copy of the Parent/School Learning Compact. This compact serves as an agreement between a child's home and their school outlining everyone's responsibility for supporting ongoing student learning.
- Monthly newsletters, suggestions on how to work with your child, as well as other information will be sent home periodically or through Parent Square to provide opportunities to train parents to help their children succeed in school.
- As a school, we will work to provide students with opportunities including various clubs and organizations: Student Technology Team, Student Government, Right Moves for Youth, Communities in Schools sponsored events, and others. Parents are encouraged to become involved in these opportunities as well.
- Parent – Teacher conferences this year are scheduled in late October and early November. As needed, teachers will work to schedule a time with you to review your child's progress and answer any questions you may have.
- The school will translate the documents that will be sent home to parents and will also have interpretation available when needed to facilitate the communication between staff and parents.
- A parent Square message is sent home every Sunday at 6:00 PM to ensure that parents are informed about what is going on at school and to strengthen communication among parents and the school. This email is in the preferred language of each recipient. There is an email that is sent at the same time to ensure written communication for anyone without the Parent Square application.
- Parents are encouraged to participate in the School Improvement Team, Parent Teacher Association and other school activities.
- Surveys will be used throughout the year to assess parent perceptions, concerns and needs. As a school, we will use the feedback we received from surveys to improve school-wide services including elements related to our Title 1 program.
- The Whitewater Middle School PTA will host different events throughout the school year geared to increase parental involvement.

- A school wide Open House will occur in August, along with the Title I annual parent meeting. The meeting will cover:
 - School progress towards previously set goals
 - School goals and grade level learning objectives
 - Title 1 status and related information
 - Parental involvement and engagement

- Throughout the 2022 – 2023 school year, Whitewater Middle School will focus on delivering high levels of customer service. We will strive to be sensitive to the cultural background of parents, students and our community in general in an effort to provide a welcoming environment for all. When visiting Whitewater Middle, parents and community members should expect:
 - A friendly greeting and response
 - Quality customer service
 - Consistency
 - An answer or future answer
 - Follow up and follow through

- We invite you to call the school (980-344-3400) to ask any questions you may have or to schedule a visit or meeting. It is our hope that your child/children will have a wonderful experience learning at Whitewater Middle School.

We welcome your feedback on our Parent Involvement Plan. Please use the space below to make any comments or suggestions. Please cut/remove and return to school in whatever manner is most convenient.
