



Title I Williamston Primary Parent and Family Engagement	Title I	Effective Date: October 2023
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Parent and Family Engagement Plan

The Martin County Board of Education and our schools believe that the education of children is an ongoing cooperative partnership between the home and school. Parents and other family members are their children's first teachers; therefore, the continued involvement of parents and family members in the educational process is most important in fostering and improving educational achievement. School system officials shall strive to support parents and provide parents and family members with meaningful opportunities to become involved in the programs offered by the Title I schools. The Martin County Board of Education encourages parents and family members to participate in the design and implementation of the programs and activities in order to increase the effectiveness of the school system's Title I program to help students meet state and local achievement standards.

A. Definition of Parent and Family Engagement

We recognize that parents are their children's first teachers and involvement by parents improves the educational achievement of their children. We believe that the involvement of Title I parents increases the effectiveness of the program and contributes significantly to the success of children. For the purposes of this policy, the term "Parent and Family Engagement" means the participation of parents, guardians, and other family members in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student learning and other school activities, including the following:

- (A) that parents and family members play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- (B) that parents and family members are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education a school;
- (C) that parents and family members are full partners in their child's education and parents and family members are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child; and
- (D) that the school system utilizes activities to support parent and family engagement in the Title I programs.

Involvement of Parents in the Title I Program and Parent and Family Engagement:

To involve parents in the Title I program at Williamston Primary School the following practices have been established:

- Williamston Primary School holds meetings to inform parents of Title I students about the Title I requirements. Parents are also informed of their right to be involved in the Title I program.
 - ✓ Open House
 - ✓ SIT Meetings
 - ✓ PTA Meetings
- ❖ The school involves parents of Title I students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I programs and the Title I Parental and Family Engagement Policy.
 - o School Improvement (SIT) Meetings (parents are a vital part of those meetings) and a member of the committee
 - o PTA parent meetings
 - o Parents volunteer to assist staff/students during various events taking place at the school as well.

- ❖ The school provides parents of Title I students with an explanation of the curriculum used at the schools, the assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
 - ✓ Moving-Up sessions held to provide parents with the expectations, curriculum, and resources to help prepare students for the next grade level
 - ✓ Newsletters sent home weekly with important information and skills taught
 - ✓ Parent/Teacher conferences held twice during the school year for parents and students to meet teachers
 - ✓ Progress Reports
 - ✓ Standardized Report Cards
 - ✓ PreK-Handbooks provides parents with information about the PreK program
 - ✓ Appetegy Communication System
 - ✓ Spring and Fall Interactive Parent Curriculum Nights
 - ✓ Open House held annually at the beginning of the school year for parents and students to meet teachers and ask questions about students' expectations
 - ✓ iReady Math, iReady ELA

- ❖ In accordance with North Carolina G.S. § 143-318.12, the school will inform Title I parents of regular meetings and offer opportunities that allow parents to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.

- School Improvement Team Meetings

School-Parent Contract

Williamston Primary School provides the parents of Title I students a school-parent contract. The contract outlines how parents, teachers, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. Our contract describes ways the school and home can partner to help children achieve the State's high academic standards. It addresses the following:

- ❖ The school's responsibility to provide a high-quality curriculum and instruction
- ❖ The parent and family engagement responsibilities for supporting their child's learning
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Building Capacity for Parent and Family Engagement

Williamston Primary School will engage parents and family members in meaningful interactions, supporting a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school has established strategies for building capacity for involvement using the following practices and/or opportunities.

- ❖ The school provides Title I parents with assistance in understanding the State's academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children.

Parent Teacher Conferences (Once each semester)

K-2 Parent Orientation

Fall and Spring Curriculum Night

- ❖ The school coordinates and integrates the Title I parental involvement program with other programs, and conducts other activities to encourage and support parents in their involvement in their child's education.

Tiger Troupe Student performances
Science Night
Fall and Spring Parent Curriculum Night
Grade Level Moving up Sessions
K-2 Orientation
School Literacy Book Parade
Parent Volunteers
WPS PTA

- ❖ In accordance with North Carolina G.S. § 143-318.12, the school distributes information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to Title I parents in a format and language that parents understand.

Weekly Parent Newsletter and sent home in English and Spanish (other languages as needed)

Other forms of communication are sent home in language formats to meet the needs of all families.

WPS uses Systran Translate along with google translate.

Accessibility

Williamston Primary School provides opportunities for the participation of all Title I parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. Information regarding school performance and activities within the school is communicated with parents in a variety of ways. Some examples of communication may be the use of newsletters, flyers, Thrillshare Communication System, PTA, and many other forms.

- ✓ Monthly Calendar
- ✓ Williamston Primary School's Handbook
- ✓ WPS Newsletters "Tiger Newsletter"
- ✓ Teacher Weekly Newsletters
- ✓ Telephone Messages
- ✓ 101 Remind
- ✓ Email
- ✓ Class Dojo
- ✓ Thrillshare Communication System
- ✓ Letters to Individual Parents