

Walnut Street Elementary School

Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy

Walnut Street Elementary School believes that the involvement of families is crucial to the academic success and general well being of all students. Our school is committed to working with the families of our students to foster a high regard for education, by building self-confidence, striving for success, and being active and productive members of their community.

To provide an environment that is supportive and meaningful for the families of our students, our school will provide:

1. A welcoming and family friendly environment
 - Courteous and respectful interaction from all staff
 - Comfortable and inviting atmosphere
 - Information and resources regarding educational and community resources
2. Programs and activities to engage parents in improving student achievement
 - School Safety Committee – involves parents/faculty/staff/students
 - PBSIS committee is a partnership between school and home supporting positive behavior for all
 - Family media programs/thematic units reflecting academic curriculum, classroom projects and events, school play, concerts
 - After-School Family Involvement Programs
 - PTO Meetings featuring Guest Speakers
 - Study Skills and Curriculum Presentations
 - Back to School Night Title I Presentation
3. Establish positive relationships between staff and families
 - The school welcomes new families by offering tours and introducing them to the community
 - Open line of communication with all members of the school community through Principally Speaking and our school website
 - Communication with families that is frequent and sensitive cultural traditions
 - Student Handbook
 - Parent conferences throughout the year
 - Visit the School Night in September
4. Support to student through the Barnabas Health Institute for Prevention funded by NJ Dept. of Human Services
 - Families that Care
5. Walnut Street HW Club
 - After-school mentoring program providing homework support 2, 3, 4, and 5
 - Title 1 Extended Day program providing support to struggling readers

This policy was reviewed with input from school administrators and parents at the annual meeting that outlined family involvement programs for the upcoming academic year.

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