

AR
Walnut Ridge High School (Lawrence County School District)
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School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

School Name:	Walnut Ridge High School
Facilitator Name:	Dyan Heard
Plan Review/Revision Date:	7/27/2020
District Level Reviewer, Title:	Dyan Heard
District Level Approval Date:	7/29/2020

Committee Members, Role:

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First Name	Last Name	Position
Kristy	Bateman	Parent
Tashena	Tate	Parent
Angela	Brady	Parent
Candace	Eveland	Counselor
Jason	Belcher	Assistant Principal
Lindsey	Romine	Parent Center Coordinator

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Dyan	Heard	Parent Center Facilitator

1: Jointly Developed

(Describe/List how parents will be involved in the development of the school parent and family engagement plan and how parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of parent and family engagement programs.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

Required Components

A spring meeting is held to involve parents in the development of the school parent and family engagement plan. This year the meeting will be on May, 2021 in the Parent Center.

During the spring School Parent and Family Engagement meeting, parents will be able to review, update, and suggest improvements of the school parent and family engagement plan to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

To the best of our ability, we will ensure adequate representation of parents of participating children in the process in a variety of roles.

WRHS is not a Title I school; however, parent comments will be submitted to the district if the Title I Schoolwide Plan is not satisfactory.

Parents may request the opportunity to have regular meetings.

2: Annual Title I Meeting

(Describe/List when (provide the month/year or month/day/year) the school will hold the Annual Title I meeting to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the parents' rights to be involved. The Annual Title I meeting should not be used to ask for parent input, but provided as an opportunity to disseminate information and distribute copies of the revised parent and family engagement policy.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

Required Components

The annual Title I meeting will be held on October, 2020,

- ✓ to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation
- ✓ to inform parents' of their rights under Title I

The purpose of the annual Title I meeting is to disseminate information only and cannot be used as an opportunity for gathering input into the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and School-Parent Compacts.

3: Communications

(Describe/List how the parent and family engagement policy will be distributed to parents and how the school is going to communicate with parents including information about how the school will provide information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to parents in a format, to the extent practicable, and in a language that parents can understand.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

Required Components

WRHS will make the school parent and family engagement plan available to families and the local community. Contact information: Dyan Heard, Facilitator (870-819-0441), and Lindsey Romine, Coordinator (870-886-6697).

WRHS will ensure that the plan is written in an understandable and uniform format, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand, and that the informational packet is appropriate for the age and grade of each child.

WRHS will have available an informational packet annually to include

- *Description of Parent and Family Engagement plan
- *Recommended roles
- *Ways for a family to get involved in a variety of roles
- *Survey regarding volunteer interests
- *Schedule of activities planned throughout the school year
- *Regular, two-way, and meaningful system for parents/teachers to communicate.

WRHS will place a parent-friendly summary/explanation of the parent and family engagement plan online and as a supplement to the student handbook.

WRHS will obtain signatures from each parent acknowledging receipt of the LCSD parent and family engagement plan summary.

WRHS will offer meetings at various times (such as in the morning and evening).

WRHS will offer meetings in different formats (such as offered online and in-person group meetings as well as home visits or other types of individual meetings).

4: School-Parent Compact

(Describe/List the process the schools will follow to jointly develop with parents a school-parent compact.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

Required Components

WRHS will jointly develop a School-Parent Compact

Parents, the WRHS staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement through meetings, website, teacher pages at <https://www.bobcats.k12.ar.us/>, and meaningful two-way communication.

WRHS demonstrates the importance of regular two-way, meaningful communication through:

- conferences (October 23, 2020 and March 18, 2021)
- frequent reports on progress (progress reports are sent home mid-nine weeks)
- reasonable access to staff (available during their work period)
- opportunities to volunteer
- observation of classroom activities.

WRHS will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the challenging State academic standards.

Lindsey Romine will encourage school staff to use volunteer surveys and will compile a volunteer resource book listing interests and availability of volunteers.

WRHS will involve parents in a variety of roles.

5: Reservation of Funds

(If the district receives more than \$500,000 in Title I allocation, then it must reserve 1 percent for parent and family engagement activities. A minimum of 90% of that 1% must go to the schools, with priority given to

high-need schools. If the school is allocated a percentage of the 1 percent, describe/list how the school will share with parents the budget for parent and family engagement activities and programs and how parents will be involved in providing input into how the funds are used.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

Required Components

WRHS does not receive a Title I, Part A allocation.

6: Coordination of Services

(Describe/List how the district and/or school will coordinate with other organizations, businesses, and community partners to provide additional supports and resources to families.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

Required Components

WRHS faculty will investigate and, where feasible, utilize community resources in the instructional program.

Jacob Kersey (WRHS Principal), Jason Belcher (Assistant Principal), and Debbie Findley (WRHS Counselor) will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs, activities, college and career ready resources or organizations, or other programs that encourage and support parents in fully participating.

WRHS and staff promotes and supports responsible parenting.

WRHS actively recruits alumni to create an alumni advisory commission.

WRHS will engage in other activities that will use community resources strengthen school programs, practices, and learning.

WRHS and Dyan Heard will ensure the plan is comprehensive and coordinated in nature.

Dyan Heard will be responsible for incorporating this plan into the school's improvement plan.

7: Building Capacity of Parents

(Describe/List activities, such as workshops, conferences, classes, online resources, Academic Parent-Teacher Team meetings, and any equipment or other materials that may be necessary to support parents in helping their student's academic success.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

Required Components

WRHS has scheduled two regular parent involvement meetings (October 23, 2020 and March 18, 2021). At these meeting, parents will be provided with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use, individual student academic assessment results and interpretation of those results, a description and explanation of the assessments used to measure student progress and achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards.

WRHS will also provide assistance and instruction to parents of children served by the school in understanding these topics: 1. Arkansas Academic Standards, 2. State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments, 3. Strategies parents can use to support their child's academic progress, 4. Partnering with teachers to support their child's academic achievements, 5. Incorporating developmentally appropriate learning activities, 6. Use of ADE website and tools for parents [<http://www.arkansased.gov>], and 7. Assistance with nutritional meal

planning and preparation. The above can include role play and demonstration by trained volunteers.

The WRHS staff will provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement.

WRHS always promotes and supports responsible parenting.

8: Building Capacity of School Staff

(Describe/List activities such as workshops, conferences, trainings, webinars, online resources, and Academic Parent-Teacher Team meetings that will be used with school staff to build their capacity to work with parents as equal partners. Describe/List methods of parents' assistance for building staff capacity. Describe/List actions the school will take to provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

Jacob Kersey and Jason Belcher will ensure professional development requirements are met for teachers and administrators.

WRHS will train teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents: 1. that parents play an integral role in assisting student learning. 2. in the value and utility of contributions of parents, 3. in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, 4. to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between home and school, 5. to welcome parents into the school and seek parental support and assistance, 6. to provide information in a format, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand, 7. to respond to parent requests for parent and family engagement activities, and 8. to recognize that a parent is a full partner by including in the school handbook the school's process for resolving parent concerns.

9: Building Capacity - Discretionary

(The school parent and family engagement policy/plan may include additional sections describing other discretionary activities that the school, in meaningful consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build capacity.)

Did the School and Parents choose to include any Discretionary (Optional) Components in the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan?

School meetings will be arranged at a variety of times, or conduct in-home/FaceTime/Zoom conferences between teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children, with parents unable to attend conferences at school to maximize parental involvement and participation in their children's education.

LCSD will provide reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parental involvement activities, including transportation and provide childcare, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.

(See complete [Arkansas Guide for School Parent and Family Engagement Plan](#) for references)

District Feedback

Attention: Changes Needed!

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