

West Bolivar Consolidated School District Parent Education Program Parent/Family/Community Engagement Plan 2023-2024



Family and Community Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success

Mission

The mission is to actively engage parents in shared decision-making and encourage them to become active participants in their child's educational process to improve academic achievement.

How is it revised?

The district invites all families to attend the Annual Title I and Community Engagement Council meetings to review and revise the parent and family engagement policy, as well as the center's plan, the parent-student-teacher compact, and the family engagement budget. The plan is posted on our district website for families to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We distribute an annual survey online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Families can also give feedback during all meetings, and Title I events.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. The district will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan will be posted on the district and the schools' webpages. Families can obtain a hardcopy of the plan from the District Office and a copy of each schools' plan from that particular school.

What is Title I?

Being a Title I, Part A district means federal funds are received to supplement the district's existing programs. These dollars can be used for...

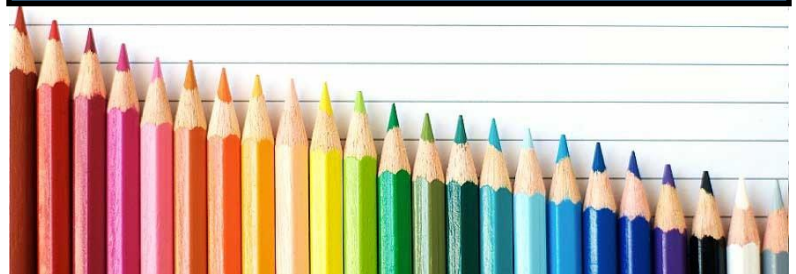
- Identifying students experiencing academic difficulties and providing timely assistance to help these students meet the State's challenging content standards.
- Purchasing supplemental staff, programs, materials, and supplies.
- Conducting parent and family engagement meetings, trainings, and activities.

Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's districts. The amount of money given to districts depends on the number of low-income students enrolled in the district.

Goals of Title I

- Increase academic achievement.
- Provide direct instructional support to students.
- Provide professional development for teachers.
- Promote parent and family engagement.

The main goal of Title I is to provide a higher quality education for EVERY child.



Parent/Family/Community Engagement Planning

Each school in the district will hold parent/community meetings in which we will provide information regarding the school curriculum, academic assessments, student progress, and the proficiency requirements students are expected to meet to progress from grade to grade. Through regular meetings and yearly surveys, parents will have an opportunity to make suggestions and to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.



Parent and Family Engagement

The district believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other center activities, including ensuring:

- parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- 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.

Building Capacity

The West Bolivar Consolidated School District will foster family and community engagement by providing information regarding curriculum standards and student achievement within the school and district. The district will provide materials and training, as applicable. Trainings will focus on helping parents to prepare and assist their children for learning at school and at home. Trainings will also focus on building community partnerships. To the extent practical, information regarding trainings, meetings, and activities will be provided in a language parents and community members can understand.

Mississippi Department of Education list the following goals to summarize the areas that family engagement initiatives at the state, district, and local level should address.

1. Welcome and Empower ALL Families
2. Increase Student Success
3. Build Leadership and Capacity
4. Develop Community Investment and Partnerships



Let's Get Together Virtually and/or In-Person!

Each school in the district will host the following districtwide virtual or in-person events to help build the capacity for strong family engagement while also adhering to guidelines during COVID. Many of the presentations and flyers will be available on both the district Facebook page, school website, or posted in schools/or community to view at your convenience monthly.

The District is Branching Out!

The district will take the following measures to empower and support parents and family members as an important foundation of our district to strengthen the district and reach our goals.

We will:

- Ensure that all information related to the center and family programs, meetings, and other activities is posted on the district website and included in the monthly Messenger newsletter for all families. Translated documents will be provided if needed.
- Provide training for staff on strategies to improve communication with families and ideas to increase family engagement in all academic areas for our students outside of the classroom.
- Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career-ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transition.
- Share information on the district website, the center newsletters, and at Title I events for families to understand the district's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways families can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community regularly regarding the district-wide events and activities, through phone messages, our website, social media, and flyers.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their children to improve the whole child.
- Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events to continuously improve events to meet parent and family needs.



The district is committed to helping our parents and family members attend the family events listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance to participate in any of our parenting sessions or events.

