

## **Washington Elementary Parent Engagement Policy**

The Board of Education of the Washington County School District believes parental engagement is an important part of each child's educational program, and that such engagement may result in higher student achievement and better social behavior, in addition to more satisfaction for parents and teachers alike.

As per Policy 2800, each school administrator shall develop the necessary programs to ensure parental engagement in their children's education.

Washington Elementary will implement the following:

- The school will provide programs, activities, and procedures for the engagement of parents. These programs, activities and procedures will be planned and accomplished with meaningful consultation of parents of participating children.
- The school will report annually to the parents the status of the Title I program, as well as other Title I services available to children and parents. An annual meeting would normally be held at the beginning of the school year, however, with the worldwide pandemic this year, we will email, post on the website, and send home information with students.
- The school will provide parents with specific opportunities to be involved in their child's education.
- The school will establish consistent and effective communication between parents, teachers, and administrators. This will include newsletters, flyers, emails, and notes in a language that parents can understand.
- The school will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities and parents of migratory children, including information, school reports and opportunities for involvement.
- The school will establish a School Community Council following all rules and guidelines provided by the State of Utah under the Community Council statutes. This council may also serve as the school parent advisory council required by Title I, Part A.
- The school will work within Title I parent engagement requirements including timely notification of parents in a language they can understand concerning school meetings, parent trainings, and SEP's.
- The school will hold all district calendared SEP's, including a variety of meeting times and will make contact with parents unable to attend at school.
- The school will develop, in partnership with representative parents, a school, parent, student compact.
- The school will provide reasonable support for parents and families to work with their children to improve academic achievement through math, literacy, and technology training.
- The school will include the parental engagement policy in the school improvement plan.

Parental engagement as implemented pursuant to this policy is intended to be advisory to the administrator of each school who is accountable and responsible for school programs. Administrators have been trained to recognize that to encourage parental involvement, to initiate timely notification, and to develop open and honest communication without fear of retaliation is essential to the success of the educational process. Committees, councils, and communication with parents under Policy 2800 are to that end.