



Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Administrative Policy

Noah Webster Academy regards parental involvement vital to the academic success of our scholars. Parents are the initial teachers of their children and serve as partners with the school in helping their children achieve academic success.

Noah Webster Academy will involve parents in the development of its schoolwide plan.

- The school will invite at least two parents to participate in the development of the schoolwide plan. Information, including academic data, State and Federal allocations, personnel, and instructional strategies will be given to parent representatives at least a week prior to the meeting for review.
- Parents will review information, attend scheduled meetings, and give input into the development of the schoolwide plan.
- The Noah Webster Academy Governing Board gives final approval of the schoolwide plan.

Noah Webster Academy will involve parents in the process of school review and improvement.

- The school will
 - Share the achievement data with parents.
 - Invite input from parents regarding school academic goals.
 - Discuss scientifically-based research instructional practices.
 - Give direction in securing research-based curriculum materials that align with goals.

Noah Webster Academy will provide coordination and technical assistance to promote quality parental involvement activities.

- Twice during the year, school leadership will include parental involvement discussions in school leadership meetings across departments to maximize coordination and effective use of resources.
- Provide annual training to school administrators and teachers on effective parent involvement strategies.
- The school will provide opportunities where families can volunteer in and out of the school.

Noah Webster Academy will build the school and parent capacity for strong parental involvement.

- Schedule an annual parent involvement seminar to build effective parental involvement strategies.
- The school will allocate Title I funds to assist those who are at risk of failing.

Noah Webster Academy will coordinate parental involvement strategies with other programs.

- School leaders who have responsibility for overseeing parental involvement activities will meet at least twice a year to discuss plans and coordinate efforts.

Noah Webster Academy will conduct an annual parental involvement evaluation.

- In the spring, NWA parents will be given a Parent Involvement Evaluation Form and asked to complete the evaluation and provide input on how the school might improve support for parental involvement.
- At the spring Scholar-Led Conference, parents will be encouraged to complete a parent involvement survey that will elicit feedback on current activities and request input for future efforts.
- At the beginning of the new school year, the school will provide a summary of the parental involvement survey with its plans to address identified needs and recommendations.

Noah Webster Academy will ensure parents are being involved in a variety of school activities.

- In the annual training for administrators and teachers, the school will share identified successful parental involvement activities. They will share ideas with the PO President and the School Land Trust Committee chair.

Noah Webster Academy will convene an annual Title I meeting, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation in Title I.

- Title I will be explained/defined
- Allowable use of Title I will be discussed
- Student identification for Title I services will be addressed
- Staffing will be explained
- Researched-based curriculum will be reviewed and SUPPLEMENT vs SUPPLANT will be explained.

Noah Webster Academy will offer flexible meeting times for the convenience of parents of participating Title I students.

- Before school
- After school
- Evenings

Noah Webster Academy will involve parents in a timely way to develop and annually review the following documents.

- Title I School Plan
- Title I School-Parent Policy
- Title I School-Parent Compact
- Other Title I documents as needed

Noah Webster Academy will provide parents with an explanation of the school's research based curriculum and academic assessments in a variety of ways.

- Include in the beginning of school year packet
- Reviewed at Scholar Led Conferences
- An agenda item at Parent Organization Meetings
- Posted on the school website
- An agenda item during School Land Trust Meetings

Noah Webster Academy will provide training and resources to help parents work with their children to improve achievement.

- Curriculum Nights
- Ideas shared in weekly school newsletter

Noah Webster Academy will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate parent involvement programs with Title I fund purposes. The school will also ensure information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of our children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

Noah Webster Academy will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.