

# Woodrow Wilson Middle School, A Community School

## Title I Family Engagement Policy and Learning Compact- Revised November 2023

*Woodrow Wilson Middle School and the parents of students participating in activities, services and programs funded by the Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) agree that this policy outlines how the parents, staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a strong partnership that will help our children meet with the highest levels of success.*

### **As students we will...**

- Read regularly for pleasure as well as to learn.
- Keep our parents informed of school happenings
- Complete school work and homework on time
- Study for upcoming tests and quizzes
- Arrive at school on-time and ready to learn
- Act responsibly and treat others with respect
- Recognize and accept the positive and negative outcomes of our behavior
- As for help when we need it and always try our best

### **As parents we will...**

- Talk about school with our children regularly
- Make sure our children complete assignments and homework
- Get our children to school on-time ready to learn
- Encourage our children to behave responsibly and treat others respectfully
- Support teachers and educational decisions made in the classroom
- Make necessary arrangements when my child needs to stay after school for extra help sessions or detentions
- Attend school related functions whenever possible
- Monitor our children's academic progress via IC or teacher contacts

### **As teachers we will...**

- Clearly apprise students of assignments to be completed and hold them responsible for meeting obligations
- Teach and model acceptance of responsibility for the positive and negative outcomes of personal behavior
- Keep parents informed of student progress at minimum quarterly
- Hold formal and informal parent conferences as needed

### **Family Engagement Policy**

Wilson Middle School is committed to the belief all children can learn and acknowledges parents share in the success of their children. We believe working together as a team is the key to our success at Wilson. Parents, teachers, and administrators are encouraged to keep the lines of communication open and active. We strongly believe a child's education is a shared responsibility between the home and the school. Parents are encouraged to call, email, or write notes to teachers if there are any questions or concerns throughout the school year. Interpreters are available, upon request, to meet with you and your child's pod of teachers. We view parents as important decision makers in the academic lives of their children. Middle School students are at a particularly unique stage in their development and communication between the home and the school is crucial. To this end, Wilson MS parents, staff and students meet jointly to develop our School Wide Parent Involvement Policy and Compact in the fall of each school year. Relevant workshops, programs, and activities will be offered to our parents throughout the school year. We encourage all parents and guardians to take part in what our school and district has to offer. Parents are equal partners and we value their input.

Although there are 2 days set aside in November for conferences, parents are encouraged to schedule meetings throughout the year if the need arises. If parents would like to schedule a conference with their child's team of teachers, they may contact the office directly and arrangements will be made.

If any parent would like to be involved in creating next year's parent involvement documents (s)he may contact our Title I School Wide Support Teachers, Mrs. Baker or Mrs. Mennow at 814-874-6600.

Although Wilson does not have a formal parent lending library, we will do anything possible to assist parents. If parents have a special request or need information on a specific topic, they may contact the Title I teachers or guidance counselors

- This Family Engagement Policy is reviewed and updated in the fall of each school year. All parents are invited to attend the "work session" to update the policy and learning compact.

- A Title I meeting is held in the fall of each school year and all parents are invited to attend. This meeting shares the details of the Title programs at Wilson as well as the rights of parents. If you missed the meeting but would like the information, please contact Mrs. Baker ([tbaker@eriesd.org](mailto:tbaker@eriesd.org)) or Mrs. Mennow ([jmennow@eriesd.org](mailto:jmennow@eriesd.org))
- Title I funds have been set aside to help facilitate a wide range of parent involvement activities including childcare and home visit expense to help enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions. We welcome parent input and suggestions on ways to help spend these funds.
- All parents will be invited to help create, review, and provide feedback for the improvement of the school's Title I program at the end of the 2022-23 school year by completing a "Needs Assessment Survey". This survey will also allow parents to provide feedback on parent involvement activities and make suggestions to help guide staff professional development for the next school year.
- Wilson Middle School parents are involved in the revising and editing of the school's School Wide Improvement Plan. All parents are welcome to attend the annual planning meeting in May 2023; watch our school's Facebook page and website for additional information. Our school-level goals are posted on our Wilson MS webpage. Please reach out to Mr. Pisano ([mpisano@eriesd.org](mailto:mpisano@eriesd.org)) if you have questions about the school-level plan.
- Parents can view the Erie Public School's website for a description and explanation of the school's curriculum. We encourage parents to talk with their child's teachers regarding the forms of assessment used to measure academic progress, as well as the proficiency levels all students are expected to meet. Teachers can also detail ways parents can help their children at home. This information will also be shared at the Open House event in August, 2022, Title I Parent Information Night, and Parent Conferences.
- Additionally, parents will be informed of the state's academic content standards, student achievement standards, and local academic assessments as well as how to monitor their child's progress using the Infinite Campus parent portal and Schoology page at the meetings.
- Parents are always encouraged to formulate suggestions and participate in decisions related to the education of their children; as appropriate, these suggestions will be implemented in a timely fashion.
- Parents and guardians are asked to contact one of our Title I School-wide Support teachers if they need assistance or need more information on any of the aforementioned times. They are here to help our parents throughout the year.
- Title I teachers can assist you with logging on to the Infinite Campus parent portal to monitor your child's grades. If you do not have access to the internet, please call one of them or your child's school counselor: Mr. Coletta ([mcoletta@eriesd.org](mailto:mcoletta@eriesd.org)) or Ms. Peck ([mpeck@eriesd.org](mailto:mpeck@eriesd.org)).
- All parent meetings are advertised via Facebook, electronic newsletters, Wilson's webpage, and one calls.
- Wilson Middle School is now partnered with the United Way's Community School program; the Community School Leadership Team meets bi-weekly on Mondays from 3:10-3:40. Parents are encouraged to join-contact Julia Boyd, Wilson Community School Director at [juliaboyd@eriesd.org](mailto:juliaboyd@eriesd.org)