



**Warren County Schools
2017-2018
Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

Warren County Schools recognizes and values the importance of establishing strong partnerships with parents in its commitment to ensure that all students meet or exceed grade level expectations, graduate ready to pursue college or a career, and demonstrate the ability to think and lead on a global level as they pursue their dreams and aspirations as adults.

As detailed in the school district's strategic plan, "*creating a true Home and School learning community that enables all to assist with the education of our youth*" is an embedded work plan and is promoted by:

- Letters disseminated annually to parents from the superintendent of schools and principals detailing student performance results on state assessments and highlighting academic growth and proficiency as well as school performance grades.
- Solicitation of parent engagement in district-based and school-based work to improve academic outcomes for students is accomplished through monthly newsletters published and disseminated by each school. This appeal to parents is also made during the annual Title I Meeting held at each Title I school typically as the first Open House Meeting of the school year.
- Opportunities to engage and offer input in Warren County Schools' written Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

(This specific outreach effort represents an area of increased focus for the 2017-2018 school year. A copy of the revised Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be disseminated to all parents of students in Warren County Schools.)

- An opportunity to parents to participate in an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of Warren County Schools' Parent and Engagement Policy via on-line or hard copy surveys.
- Opportunities for parents to engage in planning Title I-funded activities. Curriculum Night, Accountability Night, Grade Level Night, Science and Engineering Fair, Math, Night, Reading Night, and Parent Training and Workshops are a few examples of activities that currently afford engagement opportunities for parents of Warren County Schools Title I students. School administrators and district leaders are always open to input from parents pertaining to other parent-focused activities in which they might be interested.

If you have input or suggestions to offer pertaining to parent engagement activities, please feel free to contact the principal of your child's school or the Title I Director at 252-257-3184, Extension 1229.

- The formation of a Superintendent's Advisory Council which was established during the 2016-17 school year as a forum to promote collaboration among the superintendent and other district level leaders with parents of students from each of the school district's eight schools pertaining to topics of parent interest and concern. Parent representatives selected for the council include one parent leadership representative from PTA etc. and one parent from the general enrollment not serving in a leadership capacity. Collaboration from the past year's Superintendent's Advisory Council (2016-17) resulted in revisions to the district's student dress code policy and the Council will soon meet in its first session of the 2017-18 school year to address parent interests and concern and to promote the work of increasing student academic achievement and performance.
- Parent Teacher Conferences to provide an opportunity for teachers to provide progress updates to parents pertaining to their child's academic performance and to share how parents can support learning at home.

Warren County Schools is committed to facilitating collaboration among parents, principals and school staff, senior management and other district-level leaders to ensure compliance with specific Title I obligations outlined in the most recent authorization of the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015*. We pledge to engage parents as partners in decision making about the Title I Program as an advocate for their child.