

Whitehall Elementary School
TITLE I PROGRAM

School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy

As a recipient of Title I funds, ALL Title I schools will consult with parents of children enrolled in the school to establish expectations and to provide activities for effective parent and family involvement.

Activities involving parents and families will include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The parent/families of students at a Title I school will be informed of their school's participation under Title I, and will be given a written explanation of Title I, its requirements, and their right to be involved in Title I. This will be done during the first semester of the school year.
2. Parent and family workshops will be offered throughout the school year, and home visits will be made by the staff, as needed.
3. Parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I through the meetings of the School Improvement Council and the PTSO/PTA. Parents will be invited to make suggestions concerning Title I programing. They will be asked to complete recommendation forms online or by returning the form to the school.
4. Suggestions received from the suggestion form and any meetings will be addressed by the administrative team, which includes the principal, the assistant principal, the instructional facilitator, and the guidance counselor.
5. An annual meeting will convene in which all parents will be invited and encouraged to attend. The purpose of this meeting will be:
 - a. Parents will be informed of their right to consult in the design and implementation of the Title I Schoolwide Program.
 - b. Parents will be informed of the Title I Program and the components of the plan.
 - c. Parents will receive a description and explanation of the curriculum, the forms of assessment used to measure student progress, and the promotion/retention policy used in Anderson School District five.
 - d. Parents will be given the opportunity to ask questions and request further activities and afforded the opportunity to submit those requests in writing to the local education agency.
 - e. Parents will review the current Title I Schoolwide Plan and be given the opportunity to offer suggestions for the following year.
6. Parents will be given the opportunity in the School Improvement Council meetings, PTSO/PTA Board meetings, and Schoolwide Title I meetings to give feedback to this plan and make suggestions.
7. The school will hold at least one parent-teacher conference with each parent during the year. Other meetings will be scheduled as needed and may possibly include providing transportation, childcare or home visits.
8. Parent participation will be solicited in the Parenting Resource center, parent conferences and parenting workshops, through written, electronic, and phone communications by classroom teachers.
9. Suggestions will be provided through home activities to parents to help them promote the education of their child.
10. A school-parent compact will be developed with parental input to outline how the parents, the entire staff, and the students will work together as a team to share the responsibility for improved student achievement. This will be used to help build a partnership with the students to achieve the state's high standards. The school-parent compact will be accessible to parents as a part of the student registration process for each child prior to the start of the new school year.