

**WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Parent Involvement District Plan**  
**2016-2017**

**WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT:**

**Mission:**

The mission of the White Bear Lake Area School District, a leader in innovative education and community partnerships, is to ensure our students:

- develop a love for learning,
- excel academically,
- are inspired to realize their dreams, and
- become engaged citizens with a global understanding

by challenging each student within a dynamic, respectful and inclusive environment that nurtures the unique talents and abilities of every student.

**School Community Core Values:**

*Compassion*

- We will understand the circumstances and viewpoints of others.
- We will develop the capacity to forgive others and ourselves.
- We will celebrate the contributions of others.
- We will promote a peaceful, caring and safe community.

*Integrity*

- We will stand up for what we believe.
- We will be honest with ourselves and others.
- We will demonstrate fairness in our judgments and actions.
- We will fulfill commitments and promises.

*Respect*

- We will believe in the inherent dignity of all people.
- We will celebrate individuality.
- We will value and appreciate diversity.
- We will honor self and others through words and actions.

*Responsibility*

- We will take ownership of our behavior as individuals.
- We will have the courage to think and act independently.
- We will demonstrate problem solving and decision-making skills.
- We will be reliable and trustworthy.

*Service*

- We will find positive ways to contribute to the broader community.
- We will share time and talents with others.
- We will take an active role in service opportunities in the school and community.
- We will celebrate involvement in service.

## PART I. DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS

The WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS agrees to implement the following requirements:

The WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS will put into operation programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I programs. Those programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.

The WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level Parent Involvement Plan meet the Title I requirements, and include, as a component, a school-parent compact.

The WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS will incorporate this district-wide Parent Involvement Plan into its district plan.

In carrying out the Title I parent involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

If the WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS plan for Title I is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to Minnesota Department of Education.

WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS will involve the parents of children served in Title I schools in decisions about how Title I funds reserved for parent involvement is spent.

## PART II. DISTRICT PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN REQUIRED COMPONENTS

The WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development/revision of its district parent involvement plan:

Parents will be included in the development and revising of the parent involvement plan throughout the 2015-2016 school year. .

The WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS will involve parents in the joint development of district plan, review and improvement.

In the district the "Annual Report to the Community", is mailed and available to all district residents. They are informed of school and district assessment and school improvement results. Local media/newspaper resources also carry the results. Each school informs their parents of their results and how to access their school report cards online. Individual student reports are also sent home.

Parents will be informed if their child's school is not making Adequate Yearly Progress for a second year in a row (Stage 1) by a letter that is sent home through the mail. To maintain district-wide consistency with the parent notification letter, the letter is developed in the fall of the year by the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and is modified (if needed) and signed by the building principal.

The District will work with district staff and parents (Parent Advisory Councils) to develop a district plan for improvement. This information will be disseminated to PTA's/PTO's, Site Councils, Leadership Teams and the School Board.

The district may offer Academy courses that include effective strategies for parental involvement. Videos and or books are available for checkout by teachers. NUA, Ruby Payne and WMEP offer workshops and training for working with families in poverty and of cultural differences. Title 1 staff members may participate in MAASFEP conferences.

3. The WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

- Facilities for meetings will be offered free of charge
- Title 1 teachers will develop activities for parents to improve student performance
- Funding will be available for these activities
- Providing funds for Title 1 staff members to attend professional development workshops
- Provide yearly surveys for parents regarding the effectiveness of their school's Title 1 program

4. The WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parent involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

- State academic standards are presented and explained to parents at Conference Night and at Title I meetings
- State and local assessment results, such as the MCA's and MAP's , are given to parents and the scores are explained at conferences twice a year and through electronic media (Schoolology and Skyward)
- Parent/School compacts are revisited and revised yearly. Compacts are completed, explained, and signed when possible at a conference with the classroom teacher and parent(s) in the fall of the year. If parents do not attend conferences, three attempts will be made to obtain parent signatures on compacts, and then the compact is initiated
- Title 1 staff will keep records on student progress. Periodically, parent reports are sent home for parental review
- Student assessment scores are given and explained to the parents by the classroom teacher and the Title I teacher at parent/teacher conferences in the fall and the spring and grades are available online

B. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I schools, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parent involvement, by:

- Informing parents of school activities and resources available on the district website
- Providing grades online along with the Report Card Companions for explanations
- School P.T.A. meetings provide information on parent involvement activities
- Computer access is available to parents upon request at district school sites
- Title I academic information nights to inform and generate ideas on how parents can help their kids at home

C. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

- Providing access to workshops which provide information on effectively working with parents and families such as WMEP classes, PACER workshops and MAASFEP conferences

D. The school district will take the following actions to ensure that Title I information related to the school and parent- programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

- School/Parent Compact will be available in hard copy and on the district website.
- Parent Involvement Plan for the district and each school targeted for Title 1 funds will be distributed in hard copy and available on the district website.
- District staff is available to parents who require a verbal explanation of print material content.
- For parents who do not speak English, documents may be translated or the translation phone line may be used.

5. The WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parent involvement plan in improving the quality of its Title I schools. The district will survey all district Title 1 parents in the spring. Part of that survey will address parent involvement. The Title 1 PAC will evaluate the survey results and make recommendations. Revisions may be applied to the Parent Involvement Plan and will be finalized in the fall of each year.

6. The WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS will involve parents in the decisions regarding how funds reserved for parent involvement activities will be used. These discussions will occur at Title 1 PAC and Parent Involvement meetings.

## PART II. DISCRETIONARY DISTRICT PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN COMPONENTS

The WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS may;

- Help coordinate transportation and childcare, in order to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- In order to maximize parent involvement and participation in their children's education, arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend those conferences at school.
- Establish a district parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parent involvement in Title I, Part A programs.

## PART III. ADOPTION

The WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS Parental Involvement Plan has been developed/revised jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I programs, as evidenced by meeting minutes.

This Parent Involvement Plan was developed/revised by the WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS on 11/4/14. It will be revisited and revised as needed in the fall of 2015, and will be in effect for the period of school year. The WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS will distribute this plan to all parents of participating Title I children on or before December 30, 2015.

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