



Wake Forest Middle School

Family & Community Engagement Policy for 2025-26

Immediate Need: Utilize our family engagement trustee group to guide the planning and implementation of engagement events focused on connecting our community and families to support the whole child.

Policy Engagement: The voices of our families are important, and we want your feedback. In order to hear from you all regarding our Family Engagement Policy we will:

- A copy of the policy will be shared at our first Family Engagement event and posted on the school website, with a form where feedback can be provided. All families and community members will receive a copy of our policy.
- Encourages, supports, and values the participation and involvement of parents and families in the educational experiences of their children that improve student academic achievement and school performance.
- Work collaboratively with parent liaison to build partnerships within the community and with families to support students.
- Commits to developing family-friendly schools, offices and programs that welcomes parents and families to a positive and supportive environment.
- Recognizes students learn best when families and schools work together, developing relationships of shared responsibility and mutual support.
- Assists parents in learning how home environments can support the academic achievement of students.
- Offers strategies such as parenting classes, home visitation opportunities and adult education programs to support parents.
- Create open lines of communication between staff and families where feedback can be received throughout the year.



- Provides special assistance to ensure that non-English speaking parents may participate as full partners in their children's education.
- Recognize parents, family and community members who make valuable contributions to the educational process as participants in important school and district decisions.
- Encourages parents, families and community members to participate on a school committee that meets three times a year, to become members of parent organizations (at school and district level) and to serve as volunteers for classrooms, school and district wide activities. (Meetings or events may be conducted virtually and/or in person.)

Building Capacity for Engagement: Supporting both our families and staff in growing their capabilities for engagement is crucial to our success. In order to ensure this happens, we will:

- Hold academic family activities and meetings throughout the year where we will share student and school goals.
- Meet with families as least twice a year for conferences where student achievement will be discussed. Families and teachers will work together to set goals for students.
- Hold monthly PTSA Board Meetings. These meetings are open to all families.
 - Support our PTSA to help family and community members to become well equipped volunteers.
- Ensure that staff is available for frequent communication with families about the areas of success and growth for their child.
- Provide family nights on literacy, math, assessments, monitoring children's progress, science, STEAM, and state academic standards.
- Encourage parents to observe in the classroom.



- Share results from Intervention Team that identify and monitor children at risk.

Accessibility: By building a relationship with our families and community members, we will learn how to best meet our needs for engagement with WFMS Families and Community Members.

- Appropriate revisions are made based on suggestions and/or recommendations for improvement.
- Distribute the final (DRAFT) Parent and Family Engagement Policy to parents in the fall.
- Update the policy, as needed. Conduct annual review with parents, family and community members, school/district administrators and school staff members in order to continuously meet the changing needs of the school. Virtually and/or in person.
- Use the findings of evaluation to design strategies for more effective parent and family engagement activities. Revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, as necessary.
- Provide frequent reminders, such as flyers, newsletters, telephone contacts, and email messages to parents and families concerning meetings, workshops and conferences