

Integration with Other Programs

Partnerships have been established with the community to support parents: Selected Prince Street students take part in Leadership Training at Salisbury University. Baxter Enterprises, Junior Achievement, Chick-Fil-A, Allen Memorial Baptist Church **and YMCA.** Within our school, ELL teachers provide assistance to bilingual and non-English speaking families. The Title I Parent Engagement Liaisons provide parent outreach activities and programs.



Providing Assistance and Training

Parents of Title I students will be provided with timely information about the Title I program and parent involvement requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act. Parents will also receive information about the curriculum being taught, proficiency levels students are expected to achieve and school and individual assessment data and results with an explanation. This information may be shared at Back to School Night, a Title I Orientation Meeting and Parent Advisory Council Meetings. Parents will also have the opportunity to attend regular meetings related to the education of their children.



Family Engagement Activities and Tools:

Each Title I school will offer the following activities:

- At least two Family **Reading and Math** Nights each school year
- **Parent Brochures and Information**
- At least one strategy workshop based on parent responses to a parent interest survey
- Two Parent Advisory Council meetings
- Leadership Training at Salisbury University

Ensuring Accessibility

The Prince Street Elementary School Improvement Plan is available for parents to review. This plan incorporates the 10 components of a schoolwide Title I program and the instructional, attendance and program goals of the school. This plan is available for review at www.wcboe.org.

Parents may submit questions or comments to the Principal or School Improvement Team Chairperson.



Equal Opportunity

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Prince Street School Title I Family Engagement Plan 2017-2018

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The Wicomico County Board of Education recognizes that parents are their child's first teachers and that parents function as educators throughout their child's lives. More than thirty years of research show that student academic success and high self esteem are closely related to parent involvement in education from prekindergarten through high school. Prince Street Elementary School also believes that the education of children is a shared responsibility. Involvement by the school, the family and the community creates a stronger educational system and improves the quality of life for the students, their families and the entire community of Wicomico County. The school system as well as individual schools make the commitment to establish programs and practices that create a climate of mutual trust and respect and that support substantive parent involvement.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings

Prince Street Title I Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings are held twice a year at a central location. Parents and Staff members are invited to attend. The following topics are discussed at the PAC meetings: the Title I program, parent involvement budget, State Curriculum, state and local assessment information, School Compacts and Parent Involvement Brochure (which are distributed at the beginning of the school year). Parents also provide input on professional development for teachers as it relates to understanding the school community and parent involvement.



Coordination and Support

Program coordination and technical assistance for Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities will be provided through the efforts of the Title I Supervisor and supported by the Family Involvement Specialist. Staff members provide ideas, organize materials, share resources and meet regularly with the PAC throughout the year.

Building Capacity for Parental Involvement

Activities designed to build the capacity for strong and meaningful parent involvement at Prince Street Elementary School: A Home-School Liaison to foster communication between home and school. Parent comments and concerns may be submitted in writing to the school office or by speaking directly to a school administrator. A monthly newsletter (Panther Press) is sent home. Whenever possible, written and oral communication is provided in the appropriate language and uses clearly defined terms. Teacher conferences, parent workshops, and grade level reading and math nights are offered throughout the school year.

Family Math and Reading Nights

Prince Street Elementary School holds family reading and math nights for students and their parents. The goal of the family reading and math nights is to reinforce skills currently being taught in the classroom. This is achieved by using games, manipulatives and family participation. Each family will receive materials to take home in order to help their child master these skills. Transportation and interpreters can be provided if requested.



Family Interest, Volunteer Survey and School Climate Survey

At the beginning of the school year, parents complete two surveys that provide our school with information that assists in planning family engagement events. The Family Interest Survey indicates topics they would like more information about, convenient times for them to visit the school and skills they have to share with the school (ex: being a guest reader in a classroom, attending a Board meeting). The volunteer survey provides the school with information about how the families can partner with the school through a variety of activities such as participating on the Parent Advisory Council, Instructional Leadership Team and volunteering in the classroom. In order for our Title I schools to insure that the school is welcoming and inviting, parents are asked to complete a school climate survey. Information from both of these surveys will support the school's efforts in working with parents as equal partners.

