

**West Nodaway R-I Schools
Title I Parent Involvement Plan
2013-2014**

West Nodaway District Mission:

The mission of the West Nodaway R-I School District is to assure our students become lifelong learners, decision makers and problem solvers, while gaining the necessary skills to become responsible and productive citizens in our global society.

Our Top 5 Priorities include:

Students who are self-motivated and value learning.

Enthusiastic and effective teachers who care.

Parents who are involved and supportive.

Support Staff who are positive role-models and interact enthusiastically with the school.

Community who supports the mission and vision of the West Nodaway R-1 School District.

PART I. DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS

Each school district must establish the district's expectations for parent involvement.

The West Nodaway School District agrees to implement the following requirements:

West Nodaway 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.

West Nodaway 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.

West Nodaway will incorporate this district-wide Parent Involvement Plan into its district plan.

In carrying out the Title I parent involvement requirements, the West Nodaway District 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 West Nodaway District 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 Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The West Nodaway District will involve the parents of children served in Title I schools in decisions about how Title I funds reserved for parent involvement is spent, and will ensure that reserved funding goes directly to the schools.

PART II. DISTRICT PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN REQUIRED COMPONENTS

The West Nodaway District will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development/revision of its district parent involvement plan:

How will parents be included in development/revising the parent involvement plan?

Activity	Due Date	Contact Person
District Title I Advisory Meeting/Review	October 1, 2014	District Superintendent District Principal District Title I Teachers

The West Nodaway District will involve parents in the joint development of district plan, review and improvement.

How will the district involve parents in the joint development of the Title I plan?

Activity	Due Date	Contact Person
District Title I Fall Advisory Informational Meeting	October 1, 2014	District Superintendent District Principal District Title I Teachers
District Title I Spring Advisory Review Meeting	May 1, 2014	District Superintendent District Principal District Title I Teachers

How will the district inform parents of school report card?

Activity	Due Date	Contact Person
Links on district webpage	Existing	n/a
Informational presentation to Board of Education/public session	October meeting date	District Administrators
Provide information to multiple media resources	Fall 2014	District Superintendent

How will the district notify the parents that the district needs improvement, i.e. focus school?

Activity	Due Date	Contact Person
Letter to district households	30 days following DESE notifications	District Superintendent
Links on district webpage	Existing	n/a
Informational presentation to Board of Education/public session	October meeting date	District Administrators
Provide information to multiple media resources	Fall 2014	District Superintendent

How will the district consult with parents about the district plan for improvement?

Activity	Due Date	Contact Person
District Title I Advisory Team Meeting	Following DESE Notification	District Superintendent

How will the district conduct staff development for implementing effective strategies for parental involvement?

Activity	Due Date	Contact Person
Training at district-wide staff professional development days	Fall semester	District Administrators Title I Teachers
Regional Professional Development Center provided opportunities	Ongoing	Northwest RPDC

3. West Nodaway 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:

Activity	Due Date	Contact Person
21 st Century Grant funding and other available funding for Family Literacy Nights.	Ongoing	TEAM/Grant Director
Collaborative planning meetings between teachers, administrators and parents.	Ongoing	District Administration Title I Teachers
Parent as Teachers group and individual meetings	Ongoing	PAT Coordinator

4. West Nodaway 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:

A. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph --

- the state's academic content standards,
- the state's student academic achievement standards,
- the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- the requirements of Title I,
- how to monitor their child's progress, and
- how to work with educators

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:

Activity	Due Date	Contact Person
Family Literacy Nights	4 or 5 a year	Title I Teachers TEAM Director
Classroom Newsletters	Weekly/Monthly	Classroom Teachers
Counselor’s Corner Newsletter	Monthly	Guidance Counselor
Parents As Teachers meetings	Monthly	PAT Coordinator

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:

Activity	Due Date	Contact Person
Staff Development Training	Fall Semester	District Administrators

D. The school district will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Parents As Teachers, First Steps, Free and Reduced Meals, school social worker, guidance counselor, before and after school programs, talented and gifted, preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as Family Literacy Nights, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:

Activity	Due Date	Contact Person
Family Literacy Nights	4 or 5 per year	Title I Teachers TEAM Director
Summer Library Hours	Through the summer	Media Specialist
Volunteer Opportunities	Ongoing	District Administrators
Parent Teacher Conferences	1 st and 3 rd quarters	District Administrators
Parents As Teachers Group and Individual Meetings	Ongoing	PAT Coordinator
Special Incentive Opportunities	Ongoing	District Administration

E. 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:

Activity	Due Date	Contact Person
School-Parent-Student Compact	August 2014	District Administrator Title I Teachers
Student Handbook	August 2014	District Administrator
Homebound Information Letters, Flyers, etc.	Ongoing	District Administrators

5. West Nodaway 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 evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parent involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parent involvement plan and activities to design strategies for more effective parent involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parent involvement plan.

(List actions, such as describing how the evaluation will be conducted, identifying who will be responsible for conducting it, and explaining what role parents will play)

Activity	Due Date	Contact Person
Title I Services and Programs Needs Survey and Assessment	Spring/End of School Year	District Superintendent Title I Teachers
Title I Review Meeting	Spring	District Superintendent District Administrator Title I Teachers
Parent Involvement Survey	Spring	District Administrator Title I Teachers

6. West Nodaway will involve parents in the decisions regarding how funds reserved for parent involvement activities:

Activity	Due Date	Contact Person
Title I Advisory Meeting	Fall 2014	District Superintendent Title I Teachers

PART II. DISCRETIONARY DISTRICT PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN COMPONENTS

The West Nodaway Parent Involvement Plan may include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the school district, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school and school system to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities:

- Involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training.
- Provide necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds, if the school district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training.
- Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- Train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents.
- 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.

- Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent involvement.
- Establish a district parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parent involvement in Title I, Part A programs.
- Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parent involvement activities.
- Provide other reasonable support for parent involvement activities under section 1118 as parents may request.

PART III. ADOPTION

The West Nodaway School District 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 during the Fall Information Meeting and will be in effect for the period of one year. West Nodaway will make this plan available to all parents of participating Title I children on or before October 1st.

(Signature of Title I Authorized Representative)

(Date)