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# Westminster Elementary School

## Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2018-2019 School Year

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### **What is Title I?**

Westminster Elementary is identified as a Title I school. Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in reinforce and enhance education for all students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy

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## School Plan for Shared Student Success

### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Westminster Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Westminster Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Westminster Elementary will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

### **How is it revised?**

Westminster Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual Title I Input meeting to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school Web site for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

### **Who is it for?**

All families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities offered by our school.

## 2018-2019 School Goals

We will make an overall improvement on SCReady and SCPass

Our focus for reading is:  
*Vocabulary and Comprehension*

Our focus for math is:  
*Vocabulary, Process, and Product. Students will be able to explain each step in the mathematical process required on given problems.*

## School-Parent Compacts

*As part of this plan, Westminster Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.*

## Parent Involvement Program and Activities

*Let's Get Together!* Westminster Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

### Title I Meeting-

- ✓ We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be sent home, posted on the school website, and shared with other local media sources.

### Parent-Student Conferences-

- ✓ Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

### Family Nights

- ✓ Agriculture/Science Night
- ✓ Fine Art/Literacy Night

## Parental Involvement

Westminster Elementary believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in continued two-way communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

## Parental Participation

Parents are invited to participate in meetings to plan, review, and finalize Title I programs. A meeting calendar will be distributed at the beginning of the school year so parents can attend and share their ideas and insights.

## Parent Support

Westminster Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

## Westminster Elementary is Moving Forward

Westminster Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are posted on the school Web site, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled grade level meetings.
- ✓ Share information on the school website and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and other community resources to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

