



## **Wilmington Preparatory Academy Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

Wilmington Preparatory Academy believes that the holistic development and education of students is a shared responsibility between the home and school. Parental involvement plays an integral role in students' academic achievement and success. In keeping with this core belief and in compliance with Section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Wilmington Preparatory Academy establishes the following parent and family engagement policy:

- The school will invite parent representatives to serve on the Board of Directors.
- The school will provide parents of participating children with timely information about the Title I, Part A program; describing and explaining the curriculum used at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
- The school will schedule meetings and parent conferences at times that will be convenient for parents to attend. Meetings and times will be advertised well in advance of the meetings. Sign-Up sheets will be used to document meetings.
- The school will provide each parent with the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the Parent/Student Handbook. The Parent/Student Handbook will be distributed once per school year, while the Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be distributed several times throughout the school year.
- The school's administration and teachers will encourage parents to participate in school activities which include, but not limited to: Family Nights, Open House, Fall Festival, Field Trips, Meet and Greet, Talent Shows, Black History Month and Christmas programs, Sporting Events, Holiday Parades, and Special events for Dads, Moms, and Grandparents.
- The school will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement. Specifically, the school will provide special training for parent to understand the State's academic content standards. In addition, the Academy will host Curriculum Nights, Study Islands Explosion, and Parent Oriented Class Projects.

- The school will make every attempt to communicate with parents in a language they use and understand. An interpreter will be used to better communicate with Limited English Proficient and disabled parents.
- The school will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

*Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—*

*(A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning*

*(B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their children's education at school*

*(C) that parents are full partners in their children's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their children*

*(D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.*

Wilmington Preparatory Academy will continue to work diligently to build and sustain a positive and effective parental involvement program. We believe that such partnership will improve student academic achievement, and yield success.