

WHITMAN PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

“Work Together, Learn Forever”

Whitman Elementary School’s Title I Parent Involvement Council (PIC) is organized for the purpose of supporting the Whitman learning community: students, families, and staff. We share in the mission, vision, and responsibility of making educational decisions for the students and families of Whitman Elementary School.

The Mission of Whitman Elementary School’s Title I Parent Involvement Council (PIC) is to provide opportunities for meaningful parent involvement.

The **Vision** of Whitman Elementary School’s Title I Parent Involvement Council (PIC) is to provide a welcoming school environment for parents to assist in and show their support for their child’s education. PIC offers and supports participation on the School Centered Decision Making Team (SCDM), the School Improvement Plan (SIP) Leadership Team, other boards and committees that set policy and procedures, and organized parent programs which encourage the development of relationships with and among families on a less intimidating level.

The Title I Whitman Parent Involvement Council consists of any interested individuals in the Whitman learning community who want to take part in the Whitman Family. Parents/guardians, relatives, friends, community members, volunteers, and Whitman faculty, staff and administration are all encouraged to take an active role. Whitman PIC receives funding from The Tacoma School District Title I Program. There are no membership dues to be an active part of the Council.

OBJECTIVES:

- Help parents understand what their children are learning and how to support their learning at home.
- Educational events.
- Child/parent-interactive learning experiences.
- Help parents show their support for education through participation in school activities.
- Understand and utilize the resources parents possess that can benefit the classroom and the Whitman learning community.
- Foster a spirit of inclusion within the Whitman learning community.
- Help families connect through family-centered social events.

Whitman Parent Involvement Events:

- Title I Information Meeting at Open House (Our school improvement plan is presented. Title I requirements are explained, Adequate Yearly Progress and program information shared. Staff explain curriculum, assessments, instructional practices, grade-level curriculum expectations and ways to help your child be successful)

- Partnership Conferences (Student academic progress reports are shared with parents. Teachers, parents and students set academic goals and update school/parent compacts.)
- NCLB/WASL night w/PTA (Parents receive information about state academic achievement standards and Title I, Part A)
- Parent Involvement Council Meetings (Meetings are held monthly, usually on the third Wednesday of each month, during the school day. Childcare is provided for children under school age. At these meetings Title I information is shared throughout the year, the school/parent compact is reviewed and revised as needed, and the parent involvement policy is planned and evaluated.)

Additional PIC Sponsored Events:

- September Welcome Breakfast
- Parent/Staff Holiday Luncheon
- Math Night
- Dr. Seuss Read-In/Book Give-Away
- Science Fair
- June “PIC’nic”
- Volunteer Trainings

You can become an “active” member by attending a Council meeting. If you are unable to attend our monthly meetings you can request to be placed on our active member list and receive monthly meeting agendas and minutes. Call Whitman’s Volunteer Coordinator @ 571-7254

Many of our active members are also Whitman PTA members. Both groups work closely together to overcome barriers to parent involvement and to celebrate diversity and academic excellence.

Check the Whitman school newsletter for event/meeting dates, or call the Whitman Office @ (253) 571-2077. Everyone is welcome, please come and join us!