

NEWPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The purpose of this plan is to encourage and facilitate parental participation in the educational programs and experiences of our students. The plan shall provide the framework for organized, systematic, ongoing, informed and timely parent involvement in relation to decisions about services within the school district.

Strategic Planning Committee

The District adopted a Strategic Plan in May of 2015. The committee is comprised of parents, community members, administrators, and certificated and classified staff. It is our belief that the Strategic Plan will be the guiding document that district and building initiatives will align with. The superintendent will update the board monthly on the District's progress on meeting the goals and objectives and how initiatives are aligning to meet District goals. Annually the Strategic Planning Committee will meet to evaluate and update goals and objectives to further the District's vision for meeting the ever changing needs of the students, programs and the community of the Newport School District.

Federal and State Programs Side by Side Committee

This group of parents and educators will meet at least annually each school year. The purpose/goals of these meetings will be to develop plans for delivery of federal programs and to communicate with families about approved school programs and student progress. It is our belief that families are participants in school decisions, governance, and advocacy activities. In addition, each school has site meetings annually to address Title I planning. A team of educators and parents also meet annually to plan, review and assess our Highly Capable Program.

Title I Building Teams

This group of parents and educators meet at least two times a year to discuss Title I Building Plans. They evaluate the effectiveness of their plans on a yearly basis and adjust as necessary. They make sure that all components in the Title I Building Plan are aligned with federal requirements. These committees bring the final draft of their Title I Plan to the Federal Side by Side Committee for recommendations and approval.

Site Councils

Each of our schools has an established Site Council or Parent Advisory Council comprised of teachers and parents. Again, these groups are advisory groups for the programs and activities occurring in each of the school buildings. They work closely with the school principal and meet monthly.

Action Teams

Action Teams may be requested by students, staff, parents, and/or community members to address ideas or needs within the District. Committee membership must include representation from all factions of the school and community that might be affected by the action recommended. Action Teams include our curriculum committees. All action team committees

meet as they deem necessary and they make subsequent recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee

This is a standing committee of community members, parents and educators who are considered the “stewards” of our school grounds and facilities. This group develops and recommends a long-range facility improvement plan and discusses the needs of maintenance, building projects, expansions, etc. They also serve as the steering committee for our Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Newport Parent Partnership

Newport Parent Partnership is a parent-school partnership with families who home school their children. We offer several types of programs and options for students K-12 to accommodate families that make Newport Parent Partnership their school of choice.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

During the school year, parent-teacher conferences will be used to:

- Share information regarding an individual child’s performance as well as alternative methods of monitoring a child’s progress;
- Describe the methods of working with educators to improve a child’s performances;
- Gain input, ideas and understanding from parents regarding the learning needs of their children;
- Review the school, parent and student compact;
- Review any Student Learning Plan that may have been created to improve a child’s performance and adjust if necessary; and
- Begin the process of creating a Student Learning Plan, if needed.

PTO

This group of dedicated teachers and parents meet to promote activities, fundraisers, and other school improvement efforts.

Parent Center

The schools will promote and support responsible parenting by offering and supplying resources that provide an open communication for parents. To facilitate this, the school has established a Parent Center on the elementary campus that includes parenting books and magazines, information on the school, teaching aids and other information for parents.

For additional parent resources, Washington State houses a Parent Information and Resource Center (PIRC). It provides training, information, and support to parents and individuals who work with parents, districts and schools receiving Title I assistance. The Washington State PIRC website is <http://www.nationalpirc.org/directory/WA.html>.

Parent Volunteer Program

The schools will be proactive in developing a parent volunteer program. Parents will be encouraged to volunteer at school and to accomplish this we will survey parents on their availability and options for volunteering. We may recognize these volunteers annually.

Staff Screening/Selection

By Board policy, parents and community members are encouraged to participate in annual training that provides skills to serve on staff screening/selection committees. These committees interview potential employees and make recommendations for hire to the Board of Directors.

Blackboard Connects

The district and the schools use Blackboard Connect to notify families of events, activities and emergencies.

To further build the capacity for strong parental involvement in increasing student achievement Newport School District and the individual school sites will:

- Strongly encourage parent feedback from surveys at conferences and/or through the mail;
- Offer training to parents to access the Skyward Student Information System;
- Provide necessary information regarding literacy training through handouts at meet-and-greet open houses, math nights, family art nights, as well as parent-teacher conferences;
- Train and support parents through community education programs especially Early Childhood, and volunteer opportunities;
- Strengthen our communication with parents through direct mailings and notices to parents, the use of available local media, activities at school where parents will be actively encouraged to attend, and through our school website;
- Be proactive in our communication with parents. One such example will be the offering of parenting classes and workshops;
- Provide the following documents for parental review and reference:
 - School Calendar
 - School Handbook
 - Financial Aid Information (seniors)
 - School Personnel Contact Information
 - Website and School Contact Information
 - Parent Center Information
 - Volunteering Information
- The schools will continue to communicate with parents through notices in the paper, letters to parents and through conferences. In addition, the school may participate in Family Nights Out or Family Art Nights, where children and their families are encouraged to meet other families in an educational environment filled with fun, wholesome activities;
- The schools will also host parents at student programs and academic nights; and
- At the beginning of each school year, schools will host an orientation for new students and an open house for parents.