

**Walker Elementary School
Parent Involvement Plan
for Shared Student Success
2016-2017 School Year**



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What is Title I?

Walker Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for 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.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Walker Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Walker Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Walker 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 developed? Walker Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by handouts sent home with students to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during our annual Title I and various meeting throughout the year.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Walker Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the student handbook that is given to all students. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan from our school website www.walker-es.com or our system website www.longcountyps.com.

**Walker Elementary School
Promoting Lifelong Learning**

2016-17 District Goals

- ✓ The Long County School System will ensure fiscal responsibility.
- ✓ The Long County School System will ensure positive communication between all stakeholders.

2016-17 School Goals

- ✓ Implement an incentive program to improve school climate, attendance, behavior, and academics.
- ✓ Implement PBIS (positive behavioral interventions and supports) to promote positive behavior and decrease "out-of-class" discipline referrals.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Walker Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together 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 during the Title I meetings and Advisory Team meetings. The school-parent compacts are kept in the Walker Elementary front office or can be obtained online at www.longcountyp.com.

Let's Get Together!

Walker Elementary will host the following events to build capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement:

Open House – July 29th

- ✓ Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

4th Grade Picnics for Parents

- ✓ Learn helpful information to prepare for the school year.

5th Grade Picnics for Parents

- ✓ Learn helpful information to prepare for the school year.

Bingo Night for Grandparents – September 8th

- ✓ Let us celebrate our Grandparents. Grandparents will join students in classrooms for fun and snacks.

WES Community Fun Day/ Title I Meeting- September 10th

We invite you to learn all about the curriculum your children are learning, meet and speak with teachers, and learn about Title I.

Fall /Spring Book Fair

- ✓ Help fuel your child's love of reading

ESOL Parent Night- December

- ✓ We invite ESOL parents to come learn current and helpful information about the ESOL Program.

Community Fun Day – March 25th

- ✓ Join us for some fun spring activities.

Gifted Parent Night

- ✓ Parents of our gifted program are invited to come learn more about the program and activities that go on throughout the year.

EIP Parent Night

- ✓ Parents of our EIP program are invited to come out and learn more about the program and how to assist and encourage these students at home.

Parental Involvement

Walker Elementary believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, which ensures the following:

- 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;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

**Walker Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance.
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Walker Elementary is Branching Out!

Walker 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 is published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Conduct staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and Early Reading programs to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as PowerSchool access to track their child's progress.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, such as phone messages, website updates, 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 for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.



Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions, or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the main office:

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)

Suggestions:

Parent Involvement Standards

Walker Elementary School wants to create a relationship that is engaging to parents, students, and the community. These standards are –

- Welcoming All Families
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking Up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with Community

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VOLUNTEER AT SCHOOL!!!!

Walker Elementary School offers various ways for parents to volunteer. Let your child's teachers, principal, or counselors know your special skills and ask what you can do to help. In support of student safety, the superintendent requires that all school and administrative offices identify and screen all volunteers in accordance with district guidelines. Please contact Walker Elementary School for more information on volunteering at (912)545-7910.