

ONLY TITLE I SCHOOLS NEED TO WRITE A FEP in 2022-2023

Schools must create or update their Family Engagement Plan (FEP) by October 1 each year. Starting in Fall of 2021, you'll be able to create your FEP by filling in the boxes below. Then, you can then print a PDF of your FEP which you can post on your website and share with your families (delete this row before sharing with families).

Part of the federal and state requirements for Title funding include making sure that the FEP is developed in partnership with families. Resources to help in the creation of your FEP is available on the Title I Compliance Resources website. <https://sites.google.com/mpls.k12.mn.us/mps-title-i-compliance/quarter-1/fep>



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Family Engagement Plan (FEP), 2022-23

School Information	
School:	Whittier Elementary School
Principal:	Anne Wagemaker
Family Liaison:	N/A
Family Liaison Phone Number:	N/A
Family Liaison Email Address:	N/A
This plan was developed in partnership with families and approved on:	October 26, 2022
Introduction to the Family Engagement Plan	We need the help of our families to reach our school goals for student success and achievement. Below is our plan for how we'll meaningfully engage families in equitable and accessible ways during the 2021-22 school year. There are specific goals we'll work to achieve and ways we plan to achieve each goal listed below

Mission & Vision	
School Mission Statement	Encourage exploration, inquiry and critical thinking, provide integrated learning opportunities, promote local and global action, respect cultural similarities and differences.
School Vision Statement	All Whittier International Elementary students will become independent global thinkers through inquiry and action.

Family & Community Voice and Engagement	
How family & community voices are gathered at our school	PTA meetings, surveys, phone conversations, in-person conversations(dismissal etc) , conferences, other events, whatsapp,
The primary challenges/areas of need identified by families and community members at our school	Continued growth in reading and math, strong affirming culture for all students, physical and emotional safety
The primary hopes and aspirations identified by families & community members at our school	More families involved, more consideration for families who have less school experience and do not speak English as their first language, more accessibility for family engagement, building off of family events to make them even better, more avenues for parent volunteers in classrooms and other school projects

Family Engagement Strategies	
FEP Strategy Name	All families feel welcome in our school and have equal access to opportunities to be involved in their students' education
We will host the following community-building and cultural events this year:	Latino Heritage Night: October 14, 2022, Winter Wonderland: December 15, 2022, IB Curriculum Night: January 11, 2023, Thursday, February 16: Lumineer Stroll, Thursday April 27, 2023: Dance, Poetry, Food from around the World, June 9th: Whittier Wolfpack Party
We will notify families of how to get involved in the events listed on our FEP, how to access school staff, and how to volunteer through:	Weekly howler (Newsletter), frequent robo-calls/robo-text reminders for events, PTA communication for volunteers through WhatsApp, teachers use Talking Points App to send reminders and communicate with home, main office calls, etc
We will ensure all families can participate by providing the following:	Communicating dates in multiple ways (newsletter, robo-calls, backpack flyers, in-person conversations). Providing interpretation at meetings, providing child care and food at meetings whenever possible.
FEP Strategy Name	All families are informed of the steps our school is taking to improve student outcomes and achieve equity
(Title I Schools) We will host our annual State of the School (Title I) meeting on:	Tuesday, October 19th, 2022: 6:00pm in the Media Center
We will inform families of the steps our school is taking to improve student outcomes and achieve equity through:	Site council updates, weekly newsletter (The Howler), in-person conversations, curriculum nights, family events
FEP Strategy Name	Families will play an important role in developing our School Improvement and Family Engagement plans, and will provide valued input on how we spend our resources.
We will get family input on our School Improvement Plan for next year in:	October 26th- Site Council Meeting, Parent/Teacher conferences in October and February.
We will get family input on our Family Engagement Plan for next year in:	March 2023- we want to get the feedback before we make budget decisions and May 2023 to finalize FEP
We will get family input on how we'll use our resources next year to support student achievement and engage families in:	March 2023- we want to get the feedback before we make budget decisions
We will host regular Site Council meetings on:	The third Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-6:30pm
FEP Strategy Name	All school staff members, family members, and students understand the important role they each play in making sure students achieve success at our school.
(Title I Schools) We will get family input on our School-Family Compact for next year in:	October 2022
(Title I Schools) We will share our School-Family Compact with families by:	At Parent-Teacher conferences and also in backpacks home for students who did not attend conferences with their families
FEP Strategy Name	All families understand how to support their students' academic achievement.
At the following events, we will help families understand our school curriculum, state standards, assessments their students take, and how we measure student achievement and success:	Open House- Thursday, September 1st, State of the Schools- Tuesday, October 18th, Family Conferences- Tuesday, October 18th/Wednesday October 19th, IB Curriculum Night- Wednesday, January 11th
In addition to the events above, we will also help families understand our school curriculum, state standards, assessments their students will take, and how we will measure student achievement and success in the following ways:	Take home letters, frequent updates from school staff, notifications of assessments and explanation of results
We will host the following academically-focused family events:	IB Curriculum Night- January 11th, Read-a-thon/Reading Night- March 2023, Poetry event- April 2023
FEP Strategy Name	All staff will be trained on how to effectively partner with families.
We will provide professional development on family engagement to our staff on the following topics this year:	Using IB to promote equity, HHM resources for families

