

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>



## Family Engagement Plan (FEP), 2021-22

School Information	
School:	Whittier
Principal:	Laurie Lamberty
Family Liaison:	NA
Family Liaison Phone Number:	NA
Family Liaison Email Address:	NA
This plan was developed in partnership with families and approved on:	Site Council, 12/13/21
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 learning opportunities that integrate subject areas Promote local and global action Respect cultural similarities and differences
School Vision Statement	Whittier International Elementary School in Fall 2021 becomes a community school serving nearby students and families in South Minneapolis' Whittier neighborhood, and will continue to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP). Students who attend Whittier will help shape the way the school reflects and exemplifies the culture and fabric of its community. Whittier will remain a place where all children, through rigorous academics and supportive relationships, develop a strong sense of who they are and where they come from. Students will develop unique ways of looking at the world around them to gain truly global perspectives right in their own neighborhood.

Family & Community Voice and Engagement	
How family & community voices are gathered at our school	We shared a survey with families at conferences and sent home in back packs
The primary challenges/areas of need identified by families and community members at our school	Academic achievement for all students
The primary hopes and aspirations identified by families & community members at our school	That their child feels safe and cared for while at school, and they have access to rigorous learning

Family Engagement Goals					
Focus Area	Measure	Baseline	Goal	Percentage Point Increase	Rationale (optional)
Family Engagement	Family engagement in fall parent teacher conferences	45%	N/A	N/A	
Family Engagement (Optional)	Parent response to January Family survey		N/A	N/A	

Family Engagement Strategies	
<b>FEP Strategy Name</b>	<b>All families feel welcome in our school and have equal access to opportunities to be involved in their students' education</b>
We will host the following community-building and cultural events this year:	We anticipate being able to hold a Spring Family Carnival event in May, 2022
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:	Families receive a weekly newsletter, and robo call highlighting upcoming and important information, including how to volunteer, how to get in touch with staff and ways to support their child at home. On our school website is further information for families on how to contact staff.

We will ensure all families can participate by providing the following:	We have connected with Ingco to provide translation services at Virtual meetings; we provide both in person and virtual options for meetings
<b>FEP Strategy Name</b>	<b>All families are informed of the steps our school is taking to improve student outcomes and achieve equity</b>
(Title I Schools) We will host our annual State of the School (Title I) meeting on:	November 30, 6-7 pm.
We will inform families of the steps our school is taking to improve student outcomes and achieve equity through:	State of the Schools, weekly newsletters, parent teacher conferences.
<b>FEP Strategy Name</b>	<b>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.</b>
We will get family input on our School Improvement Plan for next year in:	We will get family feedback on our SIP for the 22-23 school year in April
We will get family input on our Family Engagement Plan for next year in:	We will gather information from families in April/ May regarding the FEP for the 22-23 school year
We will get family input on how we'll use our resources next year to support student achievement and engage families in:	We will send home a family survey in January
We will host regular Site Council meetings on:	Site Council meets the third Monday of each month, from 5-6 pm, via ZOOM
<b>FEP Strategy Name</b>	<b>All school staff members, family members, and students understand the important role they each play in making sure students achieve success at our school.</b>
(Title I Schools) We will get family input on our School-Family Compact for next year in:	May 2022
(Title I Schools) We will share our School-Family Compact with families by:	We share it at Parent Teacher conferences in October
<b>FEP Strategy Name</b>	<b>All families understand how to support their students' academic achievement.</b>
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:	Conferences, State of the School, newsletters
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:	This information was shared at Conferences in October, in the State of the Schools Presentation in November.
We will host the following academically-focused family events:	We will not be holding in-person until spring at the earliest, when we can do it outside
<b>FEP Strategy Name</b>	<b>All staff will be trained on how to effectively partner with families.</b>
We will provide professional development on family engagement to our staff on the following topics this year:	We will invite Charisma Smith to present to our staff on culturally responsive ways to communicate with families
<b>FEP Strategy Name</b>	<b>(Optional) Add your own Family Engagement Plan Strategy Our additional FEP strategy statement, not already included in the goals above:</b>
We will achieve this FEP goal in the following ways:	Enter information about how you will achieve your optional FEP strategy.