

Whittier International: 2020-21 Family Involvement 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 2020-21 school year. There are specific goals we'll work to achieve and ways we plan to achieve each goal listed below.

This plan was developed in partnership with families and approved on 9/29/2020.

Please reach out to Ahmed Warsame, at Ahmed.Warsame@mpls.k12.mn.us or 619-386-9041 if you have questions about the opportunities below or want to provide feedback on this plan.

All families feel welcome in our school and have equal access to opportunities to be involved in their students' education

- Host the following community-building and cultural events:
 - * In-person Welcome Back on 8/31/2020
 - * Virtual Open House on 9/4/2020
 - * Virtual and Drive-thru/Walk-up Book Fair on 10/22/2020
- Notify all families of how to get involved in the events listed on this plan, how to access school staff, and how they can volunteer, through:
 - * School newsletter
 - * Updates to school calendar on our website
 - * Robo-call
- Accommodate all families by providing the following:
 - * Interpreters at meetings
 - * Translated documents
- During distance learning, we are providing on-site tech-support and supply pick-up for families daily. Each week we also have designated times for Spanish and Somali language tech support. Finally, we have expanded hours for this support one day per week.

All families are informed of the steps our school is taking to improve student outcomes and achieve equity.

- Host our annual State of the Schools (Title I Night) on 10/13/2020 at 7:00, which will:
 - * Inform families of the requirements and benefits of being a Title I School
 - * Inform families of their right to be involved in Title I programming
 - * Inform families about state standards, our school's curriculum, and the assessments their students will take this year
 - * Give families an overview of the goals and strategies in our School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Post a family friendly version of our School Improvement Plan (SIP) on our website
- Send a letter home letting families know if we are designated by the state for support and improvement

Families will play an important role in developing our School Improvement and Family Improvement plans, and will provide valued input on how we spend our resources.

- Get family input on our school improvement plan in March
- Get family input on our family involvement plan in April
- Get family input on how we use our resources to support student achievement in January
- Host regular Site Council meetings on Last Tuesday of the month

All school staff members, families, and students understand the important role they each play in making sure students achieve success at our school.

- Create a School-Parent-Student Compact, which is an agreement on the role each person will play to make sure the student is successful
- Get family input on our School-Parent-Student Compact in September
- Share our School-Parent-Student Compact with families by:
 - * Using it at Parent-Teacher conferences (required for elementary grade levels)

All families understand how to support their students' academic achievement.

- Help families understand our school curriculum, state standards, assessments their students take, and how we measure student achievement and success at:
 - * Fall Conferences on 10/13/2020
 - * Winter Conferences on 2/16/2021
- Also, help families understand our school curriculum, state standards, assessments their students take, and how we measure student achievement and success by:
- Host the following academically-focused family events:
 - * TBD

All staff will be trained on how to effectively partner with families.

- Provide professional development to our staff on the following topics:
 - * The transition from magnet to the community school, and how that will reflect our responsibilities and the connections to our families. we need to find a way to help families who are struggling more and find a way to support accordingly.