

WEST MILFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEST MILFORD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

West Milford High School, consistent with the West Milford Township Board of Education policies, is committed to establishing a meaningful home, school and community partnership.

To that end, the following Parent Involvement Policy was developed collaboratively with parents of the West Milford High School who make up our Parent Advisory Committee. We believe the parent is the first teacher and we want to encourage our parents to remain involved in the child's education throughout their academic lifetime.

- West Milford High School and PTSO will jointly develop the Parent Involvement Policy.
- West Milford High School will distribute the Parent Involvement Policy and parent/teacher, student/school compact to the parents of all students and make the Parent Involvement Policy available to the local community.
- West Milford High School & PTSO will periodically review and revise the Parent Involvement Policy and parent/teacher, student/school compact to meet the changing needs of parents and our school.

West Milford High School agrees to be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

- Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring -
 - Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
 - 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, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY PLAN

West Milford High School will keep parents involved and informed by offering the following programs:

- Make available for parent review the following materials:
 - West Milford High School's Parent Involvement Policy
 - West Milford High School's School Parent Compact
 - Parent notification of all school programs and of Title I programs/activitiesThese materials will be distributed to parents at PTSO meetings, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Back to School Night, school newsletter, school web site and social media.

West Milford High School will provide parents of participating children with a description and explanation of the curricula in use at our school. The diagnostic assessments used to measure student progress and the grade level performance expectations for students are communicated to parents via:





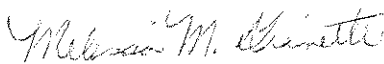
- PTSO meetings
- Back to School Night Presentation
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Quarterly Report Cards
- RealTime (automated grade review available to parents 24/7)

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

1. West Milford High School will build the school's and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership between the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Those events & activities may include but is not limited to:
 - WMHS Hall of Excellence
 - WMHA Athletic Hall of Fame
 - Back to School Night
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - Open invitation to visit, extended through PTSO and in every newsletter
 - Highlander Showcase and Expo
 - Freshman Orientation
 - Eighth Grade, Freshman, Sophomore & Junior Parent Nights
 - Community Scholarship Night
 - All honor society and Distinguished Scholar Night
 - Athletic and Band Banquets (Booster Clubs)
 - Partnership with the school's Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) in identifying and providing parent events
 - Parental access to the RealTime portal (grade and academic reporting system—online & accessible 24/7) and other resources such as web sites, parent organizations, etc.
 - Parent resource link on the district website, www.wmtps.org/wmtps/Parents
 - District-wide parent involvement link on district website
 - Student Planners/Agenda Books for grades 9-12
 - Comprehensive Social & Emotional Character Development (SECD) program at the school & district levels (maintaining a climate to support teaching and learning)
2. The school will incorporate the School-Parent Compact as a component of its School Parental Involvement Policy:
 - The School-Parent Compact will be posted along with the School Parental Involvement Policy on the school and the district web page.
3. The school will, with the assistance of the district, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school in understanding topics such as the following:
 - The State's academic core content standards
 - The State's student academic achievement standards

- The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
 - How to monitor their child's progress
 - How to work with educators
4. Parents will receive training and necessary information on the topics above through:
- PTSO meetings, parent events, list of online resources, school sponsored trainings and workshops.
 - Upon identification of parental need for information in another language or in another format, the school will take steps to ensure that the parents request is fulfilled.

The West Milford High School Parent Involvement Policy was developed, in collaboration with the following people:

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