

White Pine School

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The mission of White Pine School is to provide the environment and the resources to enable **ALL** students to achieve their full potential. We foster respect, responsibility, and teamwork. We strive to develop in our students a love for lifelong learning.

Family Engagement Plan

As parents of students at White Pine School, you are extremely important to us. Our commitment to helping your child be successful cannot be accomplished without your help. This plan is a grouping of information that can be useful to you by offering ways to become involved at White Pine School and in your child's academic programming.

Parent Teacher Organization

We encourage parents to become active in our PTO. This organization spends a great deal of time helping the school obtain needed materials and resources. Recently, the PTO was successful in getting stage curtains and two new playground units.

Title I Parent Involvement Party

We are a school-wide Title I school, which means we receive federal funds to benefit all students due to our demographics. Every fall, we have a Title I Parent Involvement Party that explains our participation with Title I. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Volunteering

We welcome parents to participate in the daily happenings at White Pine School. Parents may sign up with their child's teacher to volunteer or observe in the classroom. Parent volunteers are especially important to our literacy program.

Newsletters

Newsletters are a great way for parents to keep up with what is going on daily in the classroom. In addition, newsletters are useful in helping parents remember important upcoming events. Look for your child's weekly newsletter!

Monitoring Progress

The school year at White Pine School is divided into four nine-week grading periods. Grade cards go out at the end of the nine weeks. However, mid-term grades are also sent out each nine weeks before the official grade cards so that parents can be aware of their child's academic achievement and hopefully prevent any undesired grades.

Conferences/Meetings

Parent-teacher conferences are held in September and in March at our school. Parents are encouraged to attend these conferences to voice any concerns that they may have. If additional meeting times are needed, our faculty are more than happy to make appointments with parents during planning times or after school.

White Pine School Website

Our school website is an excellent tool that can be accessed at <http://jc-schools.net/wps>. The school calendar along with important dates to remember are on the website. We welcome you to e-mail any suggestions, comments, or concerns you may have.

Jefferson County Schools Website

The Jefferson County Schools website found at <http://jc-schools.net> is a great resource for both students and parents. The site contains many useful links to activities and information. In addition, from the link to the Tennessee State Department of Education, parents may obtain information on a variety of topics including curriculum, assessment, and proficiency levels.

Parent Training

Jefferson County Schools plan several workshops annually at the Jefferson County High School Media Center. The workshops typically discuss topics such as parental rights, assessment and evaluation, individualized education plans, and behavior strategies. Information on these sessions can be obtained in our front office. The county website also contains links for parent training. The “Literacy Lane” link contains tips for reading with your child. The “Parents” link has a large list of helpful websites, and the “Family Resource Center” link contains pre-school activities and parenting strategies.

School-Parent Compact

In meeting the requirements for schools being funded by Title I, our school administrators, faculty, and parents have designed a school-parent compact. The compact describes our commitment to quality curriculum and instruction and to establishing a safe learning environment. It also includes information about conferences/meetings, grade reports, access to staff, and parental responsibilities. A copy of the school-parent compact will be sent out at the beginning of each school year. Additional copies will be available in our front office.

*Copies of this family engagement plan will be distributed to all parents with students at White Pine School. Additional copies will be available to the local community at the White Pine Library. The process for updating this plan will be done periodically to better meet the needs of the parents and the school.