



# Gamewell Elementary School

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## **Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2023-2024**

Gamewell Elementary School recognizes and emphasizes the importance of a strong parent and school partnership and relationships. The Parent Involvement Policy assures that parents have access to resources and all available information impacting their children's education.

- School wide Orientation was held on 8/23/2023 from 4:30pm - 6:30pm
- Parent meetings are conducted throughout the year to accommodate parent, student and teacher needs to help students succeed.
- Parents are involved in planning and review of the Title I Plan and the School Improvement Plan. Surveys, grade level meetings, open information meetings and utilization of parent input in our School Improvement Plan will assure parent's concerns are utilized.
- Parents are provided current information on curriculum goals for each grade level through North Carolina's Standard Course of Study, North Carolina's Read to Achieve requirements and through teacher web pages. This information is also provided by our teachers and through West Lenoir's web/Facebook page.
- Parents are provided opportunities for meetings with teachers and /or administration to receive suggestions and information regarding student's education and behavioral progress through our Student Support Team and Parent Conference Days.
- Parents are provided surveys to gather information on current programs to help assess their effectiveness.
- Parents are provided "School-Parent Contracts" to further build educational partnerships for our students.

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- Parents have opportunities through school events, teacher and administrative conferences, along with written reports to learn about state academic standards and student's current progress.
- Parents are provided various informational meetings and materials at Reading/Math Nights which can help them work more effectively with their children. (If allowed)
- The Parent Teacher Organization contributes funds for teachers to purchase classroom resources through money collected through dues and fund raising projects.
- School personnel communicate through Daily Planners, Progress Reports, Report Cards, Parent Conferences, automated phone calls, and Class Doj and Talking Points to build strong parent-school partnerships.
- School Personnel coordinate and inform parents of parent involvement programs and activities that are available to them.
- School Personnel organize and coordinate Christmas donations for less fortunate students and families.
- The Backpack Program with Yokefellow has been initiated and continued this year.
- School Personnel provide parenting resources through the guidance counselor, nurse and social worker.
- School Personnel submit referrals for parents and families for community resources and coordinate parent emergency funds for families with financial difficulties through community resources (Child Family Support Team).
- The school ensures that all information is available and accessible to parents in clear and precise language to assure understanding.
- The school assures opportunities for parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students to be involved through the use of interpreters and appropriate written materials.
- The school assigns the Student Support Team to be a liaison between parents and teachers.
- Our PTO offers multiple fundraising and community events to support or students
- Parents, teachers, administration, and the community collaborate to provide the very best educational opportunities for all students at West Lenoir Elementary. We invite, encourage, and expect parents to be active participants in their children's education.