

## **WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL Parent/Family Involvement Policy**

Research shows that parent and family involvement promotes student success. Although families have diverse backgrounds and needs, students with involved parents are more inclined to “earn higher grades and test scores, pass their classes, attend school regularly, have better social skills and adapt well to school, and go on to postsecondary education.”

([http://www.pta.org/family\\_school\\_partnerships.asp](http://www.pta.org/family_school_partnerships.asp), downloaded September 28, 2009)

Waiakea High School believes that education is a shared responsibility between the school and the family. To support our student’s educational success, the school and parents must work as knowledgeable partners.

The Waiakea High School Parent/Family Involvement Policy establishes programs and practices that foster parent/family involvement and addresses the six National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs.

### **Standard I: Communicating**

Communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful.

1. Telephone calls (by individuals as well as by automated messages)
2. E-mail/LotusNotes
3. School planner/Dog tags
4. Quarterly newsletters
5. Surveys
6. School newspaper
7. School website
8. Annual PTSA Open House
9. House/Academy nights
10. Athletic nights/events
11. Administration’s open door policy
12. Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) meetings
13. School Community Council (SCC) meetings
14. Parent-teacher-counselor conferences
15. Mid-quarter reports
16. Report cards
17. Parent Community Networking Coordinator (PCNC)
18. Media releases to Hawaii Tribune Herald and local radio stations

### **Standard II: Parenting**

Parenting skills are promoted and supported.

1. Tips in parent newsletters
2. Memos and letters to parents
3. School planner
4. School website
5. Parent workshops
6. English as a Second Language Learner (ESLL) Program and Family Night
7. Big Island Substance Abuse Center (BISAC) services
8. Parent surveys
9. Title I parent resources
10. PCNC services

11. Special Education (SPED) program
12. Internships

**Standard III: Student Learning**

Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.

1. Parent newsletters
2. Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings and implementation
3. School planners
4. PTSA
5. Title I Resources
6. Various workshops
7. SPED program
8. ESLL program
9. Guidance Resource and Academic Center (GRAC)
10. College/financial aid nights
11. Ikaika Na Manao Program
12. Advisory Classes
13. Parent-teacher-counselor conferences
14. Smaller Learning Communities (SLC) – Houses and Academies
15. Career Technical Education (CTE)
16. Science Fair
17. House/Academy nights

**Standard IV: Volunteering**

Parents are welcome in the school, and their support and assistance are sought.

1. Parent Surveys
2. PTSA membership
3. Volunteer/Chaperone
4. PCNC office
5. Band Boosters
6. Athletic Boosters
7. Student Government Association (SGA)
8. Junior Achievement
9. DECA
10. CFES Program
11. Service clubs
12. Junior Country Fair
13. Grad Night
14. Internships

**Standard V: School Decision Making and Advocacy**

Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families.

1. PTSA
2. SCC
3. Focus on Learning (FOL) process
4. Band and Athletic Boosters
5. SLC Advisory Boards
6. Parent-teacher-counselor conferences
7. IEP meetings
8. Parent newsletters
9. School website

**Standard VI: Collaborating with Community**

Community resources are used to strengthen schools, families, and student learning.

1. SLCs
2. BEP
3. Junior Achievement
4. DECA
5. Internships
6. Hui Ana
7. Mentoring Program
8. Science Fair
9. Hilo Community School for Adults
10. SES Tutoring
11. Service clubs
12. CFES program
13. Daily Bulletin
14. Lotus Notes
15. Flyers
16. BISAC
17. Teen court
18. Family Court referrals

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