

WAIĀKEA 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, downloaded September 28, 2009)

Waiākea 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 Waiākea 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 (individually as well as by mass mailings)
3. EdLine and other on-line grading programs
4. School planner/Dog tags
5. Memos and letters to parents
6. Quarterly newsletters
7. Surveys
8. School newspaper
(<http://www.waiakeanews.com>)
9. School website:
<http://waiakeahigh.k12.hi.us/index.html>
10. Annual PTSA Open House
11. Academy nights
12. Athletic nights/events
13. Administration’s open door policy
14. Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) meetings: Usually the second Wednesday of the month
15. School Community Council (SCC) meetings: Usually the second Tuesday of the month
16. Parent-teacher-counselor conferences
17. Mid-quarter reports
18. Report cards
19. Parent Community Networking Center (PCNC) Coordinator
20. Media releases to Hawaii Tribune-Herald and local radio stations
21. Parent newsletters/bulletins

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. Parent surveys
8. Title I parent resources
9. PCNC services
10. Special Education (SPED) program
11. Internships

Standard III: Student Learning

Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.

1. Parent newsletters/bulletins
2. Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings and implementation
3. School planners
4. School Community Council (SCC)
5. Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
6. Title I resources
7. Various workshops
8. Special Education (SPED) program
9. English as a Second Language Learner (ESLL) program
10. Guidance Resource and Academic Center (GRAC)
11. College/financial aid events
12. Personal Transition Plan
13. Senior Project
14. Internships
15. Ikaika Na Manao Program
16. Advisory Classes
17. Parent-teacher-counselor conferences

Standard III: Student Learning (Continued)

Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.

18. Smaller Learning Communities (SLC) – Academies
19. Career Technical Education (CTE)
20. Science Fair
21. Academy nights
22. Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation process

Standard IV: Volunteering

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

1. Parent Surveys
2. School Community Council (SCC)
3. Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) membership
4. Smaller Learning Communities (SLC) Advisory Boards
5. Volunteer/Chaperone/Guest Speaker
6. Parent Community Networking Center (PCNC)
7. Band Boosters
8. Athletic Boosters
9. Student Government Association (SGA)
10. Junior Achievement
11. DECA
12. CFES Program
13. Service clubs
14. Junior Country Fair
15. Grad Night
16. 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/bulletins
9. School website:
<http://waiakeahigh.k12.hi.us/index.html>

Standard VI: Collaborating with Community

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

1. Parent Community Networking Center SLCs
2. Business Education Partnership (BEP)
3. Cooperative Business Education (COOP)
4. Junior Achievement (JA)
5. Distributive Education Council of America (DECA)
6. Internships
7. Huiana
8. Mentoring Program
9. Science Fair
10. Hilo Community School for Adults
11. Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Tutoring
12. Service clubs
13. Daily Bulletin
14. Lotus Notes
15. Flyers
16. Teen court
17. Family Court referrals
18. PBS Hawaii Hiki No Program
19. State of Hawaii Creative Media Program
20. Drop Out Prevention Program (DOPP)
21. Big Island Substance Abuse Council (BISAC)