



Family Engagement Five Year Plan

Goal

Wilson County School System is committed to improve communication and involvement opportunities for families, in efforts to increase student achievement. Measurement will be determined by the creation of at least three family resource centers, fewer negative signs in school entrances, increased numbers of family friendly web sites, and increased opportunities for staff development training focused on improving family friendly school environments.

Objectives:

Currently only one school has a family resource center. The system plans to create at least three additional centers by the end of the 05-06 school year, with additions added as space permits.

Many schools lack a welcoming, informative web site for families. By the end of the 05-06 school year, all schools will begin updating their web sites to be more family friendly and communicative. These web sites will be continually updated to offer current information.

School entrances need to be more inviting to the public and families. All schools will remove negative signs and display more welcoming, informative signs and bulletin boards in the school entrances during the 05-06 school year. This process will be ongoing.

During athletic events there is seldom any recognition of family and public support. Beginning with the 05-06 school year, middle and high schools will recognize families and the public using the public address system at athletic events.

School staff and administrators have received minimal training in strategies that might strengthen family engagement. Beginning with the 05-06 school year, staff development training centered on increasing and improving family engagement will be offered. This training will be ongoing.