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## **Wilson County Schools Family Engagement Policy**

The Wilson County School System is committed to involving and engaging families in an effort to improve communication between the school system and the home, in an effort to increase student achievement.

Wilson County's Policy Components include:

- assurances that all families have meaningful involvement in the development of the district family engagement policy
- a design to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, attendance and discipline; that includes procedures by which parents/families may learn about the course of study for their children with access to all learning materials
- provision of support to assist families in understanding local, State, and Federal Standards through technical support and the use of specific, measurable goals that are research-based
- an annual school and district assessment that is clear and meaningful and relates to student achievement
- a plan that all schools will develop, implement, and evaluate a plan to promote family engagement, with the expectation of measurable progress
- support for families in understanding State Academic Content Standards and curricular materials in an effort to build capacity of families to be meaningfully involved in their child's academic experiences
- recognition that parenting skills are important to successful school achievement and provision of funds devoted to training directed toward effective parenting practices
- provisions for families to become involved in district-level and school-level decision-making
- ongoing and meaningful professional development for all professional, support staff and families in specific areas that support successful family engagement
- effective development and implementation of district and school based family engagement programs embedded in the budget process to ensure ongoing commitment and continuous improvement

