

**Glenwood Elementary School's
Parent Engagement Policy
2020-2021**

I. General Policy Statement

McDowell County Schools recognize that the education of children is an ongoing cooperative partnership between the home and the school. Parents are their children's first teachers; therefore, the continued involvement of parents in the educational system is most important in fostering and improving educational achievement.

II. Parent Involvement Goals:

Glenwood Elementary School shall, in coordination with the parents, develop programs, activities and procedures, which have the following goals:

- a. **Student Learning:** To keep parents informed of the specific instructional objectives and methods of the school's program:
 1. School web page information
 2. Take home packets
 3. Glenwood web page "Family Resources"
 4. Counselor's Newsletter and Parent Tips
 5. Student's Google Classroom
 6. ClassDojo
- b. **Communication:** To correspond with parents, on an on-going basis, discuss their children's progress, placement, and methods of instruction (to achieve school and student's objectives by working together with parents):
 1. Parent-Teacher Conferences
 2. Notes-between parents/school
 3. Progress and interim reports
 4. Report cards (every nine weeks)
 5. Phone calls, texts, and emails as deemed necessary
 6. ClassDojo
 7. Support from ELL (English Language Learners) teacher and interpreter for communication concerning school related items.
- c. **Advocacy and Decision-Making:** To encourage a parent-teacher partnership between home and school.
 1. Open House
 2. PTO
 3. Book Fair
 4. Reading Fair
 5. Science Fair
 6. Grade-Level Field Trips (suspended during pandemic)
 7. Volunteer Program (suspended during pandemic)
 8. Parent Link (phone messages)
 9. Powerschool Parent Portal
 10. School Improvement Team

11. Interpreters used when necessary for parents with English as a second language
 12. School/Home Compacts
 13. Superintendent's Parent Advisory
 14. Home Visits (when necessary)
 15. Collaborative Meeting with school counselor, nurse, McKinney-Vento Worker
 16. Family Resource Center- Mom's Group (suspended during pandemic)
- d. **Training/Parenting:** To provide parents with information concerning the Common Core Curriculum and expectations of 21st Century skills to promote and support parents as the child's first teacher.
1. K-3 literacy assessment/Dibels and MClass
 2. K-2 math assessments and benchmarks
 3. Nine week benchmark tests K-5
 4. End-of-Grade assessments (grade 3-5)
 5. Fifth Grade End-of-Grade Science Assessment
 6. 3rd Grade BOG, Read to Achieve Test, and RTA Portfolio
 7. MTSS Goals and Meetings
 8. Powerschool Parent Portal
 9. Virtual Orientation and Google Classroom Training
- e. **Student Health:** Promote health awareness among families by addressing the need for health programs and student health services, which are linked to student learning.
1. School nurse support of families
 2. Health Department Support for dental care/ Dental Bus
 3. Home visitations
 4. Jump Rope for Heart
 5. Hoops for Heart
 6. Red Ribbon Week-drug abuse awareness
 7. Home Health videos
 8. PALA Healthy Living Challenge
 9. Healthy Boot Camp Day/ Field Days
- f. **Volunteering (suspended during pandemic):**
1. Reading Club-specific day weekly for parents and community volunteers to read with students
 2. Volunteers in classrooms
 3. Parent volunteer training
 4. Parent Volunteer Day-school projects for family
 5. Mom's Group Weekly Luncheon and Volunteering
 6. PTO Board
 7. Parent Advisory
 8. Glenwood Alumni Association
 9. Local Church Volunteers from Glenwood Methodist Church and Glenwood Baptist Church (food boxes still provided during pandemic)

- III. **Community Collaboration:** Parent Involvement Programs, Procedures, Activities, and Use of Funds with the aim to encourage a two-way communication between parents and school:
- a. Glenwood Elementary shall provide opportunities for parent involvement. Parents and faculty will work together to assist in providing strategies to help children succeed. Proven strategies will be given to support parents at home.
 - b. The school will hold annual meetings for parents to learn about the Title 1 reading program and research based strategies for helping their children improve in reading. During COVID19 restrictions, the annual meeting will be posted by video on the school webpage, with survey and questions to follow.
 - c. The classroom teachers shall provide parents with progress reports and meet with parents on parent conference days. MTSS will assist in meeting the needs of children and parents in the education of children.
 - d. Parent programs, activities and procedures will include:
 1. Parent-teacher conferences
 2. Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council
 3. PTO/ PTO Nights and Events (suspended during pandemic)
 4. Progress reports
 5. Notes, phone calls, texts and emails
 6. Fundraiser activities
 7. Parent Breakfast/Involvement Days/Workshops (suspended during pandemic)
 8. MTSS Parent Meetings when necessary
 9. Parentlink
 10. Powerschool Parent Portal
 11. ClassDojo
- IV. Parents may request information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher (s) and the qualifications of the classroom assistant(s). Highly qualified staff is the ongoing goal of Glenwood Elementary School.
- V. **Annual Evaluation**
Parental participation is a great benefit to your child. An annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the parent involvement policy will be conducted. A survey will be sent out at the conclusion of the school year to assess the overall school program.