

Parents will become an integral part of the operation of the YSWPCS in order to ensure high student achievement. There will be many opportunities for parents to be directly involved in the educational process of their children. Parental empowerment, as well as parental involvement, will be the goal at YSWPCS. It is the school's profound desire that once parents are familiar with the benefits available to them through involvement and support, parental volunteerism and involvement will become a part of the regular school learning community culture. The school is envisioned as a center for learning, actively involving parents, students, teachers, and community members in an ongoing learning process.

PARENT ASSOCIATION

The parents of the YSWPCS will be encouraged to form and participate in a Parent Association for which they will be responsible. All parents will be eligible to participate. Membership will be voluntary, and members will develop their own bylaws and elect officers. They will work closely with the administration. Parent volunteers will be actively sought out to play a vital role at the YSWPCS, conducting a wide variety of activities and events, including mentoring, special interest groups/clubs, expert presentations, classroom help, family activities, parent education evenings, teacher appreciation activities, community service projects, and after-school enrichment programs and celebrations. They will be able to share information through the newsletter and the website. They will also be involved in fundraising events. The SAS will reserve and maintain an area of its facility for use by parents on the days that they volunteer time at and for the school. This will also serve as a parental resource center that will provide parents with space in which to perform related tasks, and to spend time between volunteer activities. The space will serve as a motivational factor in encouraging parental involvement and facilitating parental empowerment. Parenting and educational services, including books, journals, videos, audio tapes and pamphlets will be available to all parents for their use. Education for parents will also be part of the YSWPCS' plan for parental empowerment. Various workshops will be provided such as computer literacy for YSWPCS database use, financial planning for college expenses. Parents will be encouraged to pursue their own education and training as well. The school will provide parents with information on students' behavior and academic development, as well as on learning opportunities that encourage linguistic, intellectual, physical and social growth. On-going parent-teacher meetings will provide a periodic screening of students' overall linguistic, social and physical development. The goals of these meetings will be to provide early detection of potential problems and to provide individual attention to specific cases.

COMMUNICATION AND PARTNERSHIP

The following **actions** will be taken to improve communication and partnerships with parents:

1. We will publish a clear policy welcoming parental involvement, publicize it, and post it in the school building in an obvious place for all to see.
2. We will encourage home visits by teachers, which will be a great tool for parents' education and the building of strong relations between student and teacher.
3. We will organize the staff, so that at least one person knows each student's progress level.
4. We will make sure that the school office is friendly and parents are treated with respect.
5. The school's web page and online database will be used effectively for constant communication between school and parents. Parents will be able to have access to daily homework assignments, grades, and attendance via the school's secure web page.
6. The school will help parents to get their individual email accounts if they need one.
7. We will sponsor parent-to-parent events, so that parents can get to know one another and develop common standards for their children's behavior and social life.
8. We will set up a parent room in the school building equipped with a telephone and computer.
9. We will convene at least one annual meeting which will be announced to the parents in the beginning of the school year. Annual meeting will be held to inform parent of the YSWPCS's participation in the Title I program. Meeting will be held at two different times to give more chance to the parent to involve the Title I program.
10. We will offer flexible number of meetings which will be decided within the course of the year including Title 1 program meetings.
11. We will offer information to parents on school performance and school-wide programs including Title 1 program
12. We will provide workshops on how to use YSWPCS student database to get instant reports regarding student progress and communication with teachers.

13. Course descriptions and curriculum will be posted at YSWPCS website

TITLE ONE PROGRAM

* YSWPCS will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school in understanding such topics as the State's academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children as explained in the above items.

1. PTO Committee members will be involved in development of YSWPCS Title 1 plan on behalf of parents.
2. At the end of each academic year YSWPCS PTO Committee will evaluate the effectiveness of parental involvement policy in improving the academic quality and will provide recommendations to YSWPCS school administration for possible changes to the policy.
3. Parents of Title one will be notified by letter if their child is to be included in Title One Services.
4. Periodic progress reports will be mailed to parents quarterly
5. If an identified Title One student no longer requires services, the parent will be notified by mail.
6. YSWPCS will be sending the attached parent compact to inform YSWPCS parents regarding the methods YSWPCS will use communicate with parents. Parent school compact will be generated by school Title one staff and the participated parents.
7. The same parent compact will help parents to understand how to contribute to their child's education as equal partners.
8. YSWPCS will have orientation sessions, staff meetings, and staff development days with the purpose of educating teachers, pupil services personnel and other staff in how to reach parents, to communicate with and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school.
9. Staff members will participate in PTO Committee meetings and parent conferences.

10. Staff members and/or teacher representatives, for the purpose of getting the assistance and contribution of parents, will work with parents as equal partners.

11. YSWPCS will ensure that information from school regarding parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to parents to the extent practicable in a language the parents can understand.

12. YSWPCS staff will coordinate and integrate Title I strategies with those of other programs and involve and solicit parent assistance through parent teacher meetings, PTO meetings and interpretation of student performance in the classroom. Guidance counselors will help and coordinate the above mentioned activities between YSWPCS staff and the parents.

13. YSWPCS may use Title I funds to pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities including transportation, childcare, and home visit expenses.