

**WAIĀKEA HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Parent/Family Involvement Policy**  
**SY16-17**

Three decades of research provide convincing evidence that parents are an important influence in helping their children achieve high academic standards. When schools collaborate with parents to help their children learn and when parents participate in school activities and decision-making about their children's education, children achieve at higher levels. In short, when parents are involved in education, children do better in school and schools improve. (Lewis, Anne C.; Henderson, Anne T., *Urgent Message: Families Crucial to School Reform*, 1998.) 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](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, Infinite Campus, and other on-line grading programs (<https://www.edline.net>)
4. School planner/Dog tags
5. Memos and letters to parents
6. Surveys
7. School newspaper (Ka Leo O Waiākea)
8. School website: (<http://waiakeahigh.k12.hi.us/index.html>)
9. Annual PTSA Open House
10. Academy nights
11. Athletic nights/events
12. Administration's open door policy
13. Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Board meetings: Usually the second Tuesday of the month
14. School Community Council (SCC) meetings: Usually the second Tuesday of the month
15. Parent-teacher-counselor conferences
16. Mid-quarter reports
17. Report cards
18. Parent Community Networking Center (PCNC) Coordinator
19. Media releases to Hawaii Tribune-Herald and local radio stations
20. Parent newsletters/bulletins
21. Marquee/(vinyl) banners

22. Freshmen Orientation Ohana Night
23. Resource Room website ([www.whsresourceroom.weebly.com](http://www.whsresourceroom.weebly.com))
24. Counselors website ([www.waiakeahighcounselors.weebly.com](http://www.waiakeahighcounselors.weebly.com))
25. AVID website ([www.avidwaiakeahs.weebly.com](http://www.avidwaiakeahs.weebly.com))
26. Library website ([www.waiakeahslibrary.weebly.com](http://www.waiakeahslibrary.weebly.com))

**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 and Resource Room website
5. English Language Learner (ELL) Program and Family Night
6. Parent surveys
7. Title I parent resources
8. PCNC services
9. Special Education (SPED) program
10. EdLine

**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)

### **Standard III: Student Learning (Continued)**

*Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.*

6. Title I resources
7. Various workshops
8. Special Education (SPED) program
9. English Language Learner (ELL) program
10. Guidance Resource and Academic Center (GRAC)
11. College/financial aid events/scholarship preparation
12. Personal Transition Plan
13. Senior Project
14. Internships
15. Advisory Classes
16. Parent-teacher-counselor conferences
17. Smaller Learning Communities (SLC) – Academies
18. Career Technical Education (CTE)
19. Science Fair
20. Academy nights
21. Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation process
22. History Day
23. Robotics
24. Student Government Association (SGA)
25. Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)
26. Running Start/Early College
27. EdLine

### **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. Junior Achievement
10. Distributive Education of America (DECA)
11. Service clubs
12. Grade Level Assistance
13. Project Grad Night
14. Internships
15. WHS Foundation

### **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, Clubs, 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>)
10. WHS Foundation

### **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. DECA
6. Internships
7. Huiana
8. Mentoring Program
9. Science Fair
10. Waipahu Community School for Adults-Hilo Campus
11. Service Clubs
12. Daily Bulletin
13. Lotus Notes
14. Flyers
15. Teen court
16. Family Court referrals
17. PBS Hawaii Hiki No Program
18. State of Hawaii Creative Media Program
19. Drop Out Prevention Program (DOPP)
20. Big Island Substance Abuse Council (BISAC)
21. Running Start/Early College with UHH, HCC
22. Hawaii Construction Career Days (HICCD)
23. Waiākea Haumana Store (a partnership between CTE and KTA SuperStores)
24. Academic competitions