

## **Washington Math Science & Technology PCHS Parent Involvement Policy**

Research has proven that parental involvement raises the academic achievement of students; therefore Washington Math Science & Technology Public Charter High School (WMST-PCHS) encourages involvement of parents through an active Parent Volunteer Program, active Parent Resource Center and an active PTSA. Parents are encouraged to assist in such activities as: Math/Science competitions and fairs, JROTC activities and competitions, school trips/activities, fundraisers, celebrations and graduation.

In order to build an effective home-school partnership, WMST-PCHS will provide the following:

1. An annual orientation meeting where parents will meet their child's teacher and be reassured of their right and responsibility to be involved in their child's education.
2. A flexible number of meetings and activities throughout the year to assist parents in understanding the federal and state academic content and student achievement standards, as well as local academic assessments. Meetings will also focus on how parents and teachers can work together to monitor the child's progress in order to improve student achievement.
3. A varied schedule for meetings and conferences in order to accommodate the needs of parents. The meetings will include in-depth discussions of the School Discipline Policy, Homework Guidelines for Parents, School Attendance and Truancy Guidelines and Partnership with Parents (Volunteer Opportunities).
4. A minimum of three (3) scheduled parent conferences, where the progress of the student will be discussed as well as the expectations for the grade level, school curriculum, test information and any other concerns that the teacher or parent may have.
5. Continuous communication to assist parents in understanding the school curriculum and student achievement and how the WMST-PCHS program can assist students with future endeavors such as internships, college preparation and selection and career planning.

Effective home-school partnerships can be forged and maintained with the initiations of these policy guidelines. Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in a format and language that is free of educational jargon and easily understandable by all. Parents and community members are always welcome at WMST-PCHS.