

Wayne County Federal Projects Newsletter

Fall 2015

Dates to Remember

Sept. 21 - Parent
Teacher Conference
(no school for
students)

Oct. 12-16 - Fall
Break

Nov. 25- Professional
Development Day
(no school for
students)

Nov. 26, 27 -
Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 18 - Last day
before Christmas
break (abbreviated
day)

TNReady

TNReady is the state's new and improved TCAP test for English language arts and math in grades 3-11. The TNReady website provides information for parents who have questions about the new test. Information is available for each tested subject and grade.

TNReady Website - www.tennessee.gov/education/topic/tnready

TN Ready Parents Guide - www.tn.gov/education/article/tnready-parent-guide

Your Right to Know

It is a parent's right to know the qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals in Title I schools. Title I schools in Wayne County include Collinwood Elementary School, Frank Hughes School, and Waynesboro Elementary School. Under federal law, parents have the right to know:

- Whether a teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- Whether a teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- The baccalaureate degree major of a teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

We are proud to report that all teachers in your child's school are certified and highly qualified. If you need additional information, please call the Wayne County Board of Education.

Family Engagement Policy

Parental involvement translates into many positives for parents and students, according to research. When parents are involved in their child's school and education, students have higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates. The Wayne County School System's Family Engagement Policy was developed using guidance from Federal parental involvement regulations. This policy helps our school system encourage parental and family involvement through a variety of programs. You can view the Family Engagement Policy by visiting our website at www.waynetn.net and clicking on Family Engagement Policy under the "Parents" link at the top of the home page. You can also request a copy of the policy by contacting Federal Programs Supervisor Walter Butler at 931-722-3548.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter



In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation



In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station



Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Your eligible children have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference and is feasible.
 - * If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.

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