

Wilson Elementary School

Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Plan

2026–2027 School Year

Purpose

Wilson Elementary operates as a **Schoolwide Title I Program**, providing all students with access to additional instructional resources and supports funded through Title I. We believe that families are essential partners in every child's education and are committed to building meaningful partnerships that promote academic achievement, positive school experiences, and student success.

This Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Plan has been jointly developed with families of participating students and will be reviewed annually for continuous improvement.

Family Participation in Planning

Wilson Elementary actively involves families in the development, implementation, and evaluation of its Title I program.

The principal will:

- Present the Title I Schoolwide Plan during the beginning of the school year.
- Review the Family and Community Engagement Plan during the first PTA meeting while seeking parent input and recommendations.
- Encourage ongoing family feedback throughout the school year.

Annual Review

Each spring, Wilson Elementary, in collaboration with families and the PTA, will review and revise the following:

- School Improvement Plan
- Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Plan
- Student-Parent-School Compact
- Title I Schoolwide Program

Communication with Families

Wilson Elementary is committed to providing timely, meaningful, and consistent communication regarding student learning and school programs through multiple methods including:

- Back-to-School Open House
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Monthly School Newsletters
- Classroom newsletters
- Email communication
- ClassDojo
- Wilson Elementary Facebook page
- School Website
- Phone calls and personal conferences
- Friday Folders

Families are encouraged to contact teachers or school administration whenever questions or concerns arise.

Comprehensive Needs Assessment

Wilson Elementary utilizes multiple sources of data to guide school improvement efforts.

The Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA), completed in partnership with ICLE, identified several strengths including:

- Data-driven instructional decision making
- Strong collaboration among grade-level teams
- Positive communication between school and families
- Safe and welcoming school climate
- Positive teacher-student relationships

- High levels of student engagement

Areas identified for continued growth include:

- Increasing instructional rigor and relevance
- Strengthening vertical collaboration across grade levels
- Expanding peer observation and professional learning opportunities

Wilson also utilizes Family Friendly Walkthroughs and parent surveys to gather additional stakeholder feedback and improve school practices.

Supporting Family Engagement

Wilson Elementary provides numerous opportunities for families to actively participate in their child's education.

These opportunities include:

- Individual Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Coordinated conference scheduling for families with multiple children
- Classroom volunteer opportunities
- Field trip chaperones
- Classroom celebrations and projects
- Veterans Day Program
- Winter Music Program
- Lunch with students
- PTA-sponsored family events
- Kindergarten Screening and Transition Activities
- Parent volunteers assisting with Friday Folders and school projects

The school also maintains a welcoming environment through friendly staff, updated school signage, and open communication with families.

Family Learning Opportunities

Wilson Elementary provides resources and events that help families support learning at home.

These opportunities include:

- Four annual Family Engagement Nights focused on:
 - Open House
 - Literacy
 - Mathematics
 - STEAM
- Information regarding state assessment (SBAC) results and student progress
- Monthly classroom learning updates
- Academic resources shared through newsletters, social media, classroom platforms, and the school website
- Resources available through the Rapid City Area Schools Title VI Indian Education Program

Because approximately 75% of Wilson students are picked up by family members each day, dismissal also provides valuable opportunities for informal communication between teachers and families.

Student Support and Intervention

Wilson Elementary utilizes a collaborative Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) to meet students' academic, behavioral, and social-emotional needs.

This process includes:

- Monthly PBIS Tier 1 and 2 Team meetings to review student data

- Collaboration between teachers, interventionists, counselors, the Dean of Students, and administration
- Individual intervention plans for students requiring additional support
- Regular communication with families throughout the intervention process
- Attendance meetings and supports for students with chronic absenteeism
- Collaboration with the RCAS Student and Family Support Coordinator when appropriate

Social-emotional learning and behavioral supports are provided through the school's counselor, dean, interventionists, and classroom teachers.

Community Partnerships

Wilson Elementary values strong partnerships with local businesses, organizations, and community members.

Community partners include:

- Black Hills Community Bank
- Black Hills Federal Credit Union
- Blessed Sacrament Church
- First Assembly of God Church
- First United Methodist Church
- The Salon Professional Academy
- Marco's Pizza

In partnership with the PTA, these organizations support Wilson students through donations, volunteerism, family events, mentoring opportunities, and school improvement initiatives.

Accessibility and Equity

Wilson Elementary is committed to ensuring that every family has meaningful opportunities to participate in their child's education.

To the greatest extent practicable, the school will:

- Provide interpreters and translated communication for families with limited English proficiency whenever possible.
- Provide reasonable accommodations for family members with disabilities.
- Connect migratory families and other qualifying families with available educational resources and services.
- Communicate in clear, family-friendly language that is accessible and easy to understand.
- Remove barriers that may limit family participation in school activities and decision-making.

Wilson Elementary believes that strong partnerships between families, school staff, and the community create the foundation for student success. Together, we are committed to ensuring every child is supported academically, socially, emotionally, and behaviorally.