

West Valley PreK Initiative Official Partner Agreement

The purpose of the West Valley PreK Initiative is to prepare students for academic success and life-long learning.

The West Valley PreK Initiative will support partnerships between Early Learning Providers and the District so that students enter West Valley schools “Kindergarten Ready.”

As official partners, the Early Learning Provider and the District agree to the following terms:

1. Learning Standards.

- Provider agrees to use the Washington State Early Learning Guidelines.
- District agrees to support use of the guidelines through professional development.

2. Assessment Data.

- Provider agrees to use one of the following assessments:
 - Teaching Strategies Gold (32 dimensions)
 - WaKIDS (19 dimensions from Strategies Gold)
 - West Valley Kindergarten Readiness Checklist (free rubric provided by the District)
- Provider will gain parent permission to share assessment data with the District.
- The District will provide school staff with access to the data (teachers, counselors, principals).

3. Professional Development.

- Provider agrees to have staff members participate in professional development.
- Provider agrees to have a representative attend the West Valley PreK workshops on a regular basis with the understanding that exceptions may be granted by the District Contact on a case-by-case basis.
- The District will facilitate additional opportunities as they are made available.

4. Collaboration.

- Provider and District agree to collaborate with the underlying principle of joint accountability.
- District Contact will provide support to the Early Learning Provider.
- Early Learning Contact will facilitate communication between the Provider and the District.
- Provider and District will strive for open, honest, on-going, two-way communication.
- District will assist with student transition visits.
- Early Learning staff will meet with Kindergarten teachers (fall, winter, spring) if schedule allows.
- Provider and District agree to have Early Learning Contact info posted on the District’s website.

Agreement will be continued upon annual review. Terms will be reviewed annually. Provider and District may terminate the agreement at any time. Updated list of official partners will be posted on the District’s website. Provider will receive “WVSD Official Partner” logo for display.

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