



**West Marion Middle School
Family & Community Engagement (FACE)
2026-2027**

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

West Marion Middle School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- o Engagement meetings will be offered at school sites during convenience times for families, such as mornings or evenings.
- o If requested by parents, West Marion Middle will provide opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and participate in decisions relating to their children's education. The school will respond to these suggestions as soon as possible.
- o West Marion Middle School will notify parents about the Family & Community Engagement Plan (FACE) in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, will distribute this policy to parents in a language the parents can understand.
- o West Marion Middle School will make the Family & Community Engagement Plan (FACE) available to the local community.
- o West Marion Middle School will periodically update the Family & Community Engagement Plan (FACE) to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- o West Marion Middle School agrees to be governed by the following statutory definition of parental engagement, and will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

- (A) parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- (B) parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*
- (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;*
- (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.*

West Marion Middle School will implement required school Family & Community Engagement Plan (FACE) components as follows:

1. West Marion Middle School will take the following actions to engage parents in the joint development and joint agreement of its Family & Community Engagement Plan (FACE) and its school wide plan, if applicable, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way under section 1118(b) of the ESEA:

Gather and disseminate to parents for review the following materials: Family & Community Engagement Plan (FACE).

2. West Marion Middle School will take the following actions to distribute to parents of participating children and the local community the Family & Community Engagement Plan (FACE):

- *The School's Family & Community Engagement Plan (FACE) will be available to parents at Title I parent meetings.*
- *The policy will be posted on the school website.*
- *Parents of new participating students will receive the plan upon registration if eligible for Title I.*

3. West Marion Middle School will periodically update its Family & Community Engagement Plan (FACE) to meet the changing needs of parents and the school through:

- *Regular Title 1 Meetings*
- *General School Meetings*
- *Office Suggestion Box*

4. West Marion Middle School will convene an annual meeting to inform parents of the following:

- o *The requirements of Title I*
- o *Meetings will be held at various and convenient times to encourage parents to attend. The meeting will inform parents about the school's Title I program, its requirements, the parental involvement policy, and the school wide plan. Some meetings will be recorded for viewing their convenience. Parents will be notified about meetings through school memos, newsletters, the web page, the automated phone system, Parentsquare, and Social Media Pages.*

5. West Marion Middle School will hold a flexible number of meetings at varying times.

To encourage parents to attend these meetings, the school will offer training to parents to improve student success and achievement. In situations that prevent parents from coming to the school for meetings, school personnel may make home visits or arrange to meet the parents at a mutually convenient time off campus.

6. West Marion Middle School will provide multi forms of communication such as, social media, student folders, Facebook, phone calls, conferences, parent meetings, workshops, Parents Square, and school website to keep parents informed of school programs, expected proficiency levels, meetings, and activities.

7. West Marion Middle School will provide information about Title I programs to parents in a timely manner through the automated phone system, Parentsquare, memos, newsletters, and the web page.

8. West Marion Middle School will provide parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet through:

- *the annual Title I parent meeting*
- *regular parent/teacher conferences*
- *Title I meetings and Family Data Chats throughout the year*

(a) If requested by parents, West Marion Middle School will provide parents opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible:

- *through meetings with the student's teacher which may include the Title I Coordinator, the principal, and other staff as appropriate*

(a) West Marion Middle School will submit to the district any parent comments if the school wide plan under section (1114)(b)(2) is not satisfactory to parents.

- *Parents may submit comments in writing regarding the school-wide plan to their child's teacher, the Title I Coordinator, the principal, or the appropriate department within Marion County School District.*

9. In addition to standard Title I Parent Meetings, dedicated parent meetings will be hosted specifically for families participating in the English Learner Program.

10. West Marion Middle School will maintain normal business hours. Stakeholders feedback is welcome through visits, conferences, emails, and phone calls. Appointments are preferred so that parents may be offered full, undivided attention.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

1. West Marion Middle School will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong Family & Community Engagement in order to ensure effective engagement of parents and to support a partnership between the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following activities described below:

- *Parent training*
- *Parental access to the Teacher/Parent Resource library and other resources such as web sites, parent organizations, etc.*
- *Parent Partnership*
- *Data Meetings*

2. The school will, with the assistance of the district, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school in understanding topics such as the following:

- *the State's academic content standards,*
- *the State's student academic achievement standards,*
- *the Students progress toward mastery of the standards*
- *the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,*
- *the requirements of Title I,*
- *how to monitor their child's progress, and*
- *how to work with educators:*

3. As appropriate, the school will, with the assistance of the district, provide materials and training such as literacy training and using technology to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement and to foster Family & Community Engagement Plan, by

holding regular Title I meetings and Family Data Chat Nights.

4. The school will, with the assistance of the district and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

encouraging staff to attend parental engagement workshops and conferences, web-based learning, and site staff development.

5. The school will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent- programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

Upon identification of parental need for information in another language or in another format, the school will take steps to ensure that the parent request is fulfilled.