

Westside Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy
for Shared Student Success
2021–2022 School Year



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*Take a Walk on the Wild Side...Snap our QR
Code and Learn More About Westside Elementary*

OUR MISSION: *Destination Graduation for College,
Career, and Life*

OUR VISION: *Creating a stronger community through
an equitable and excellent education for every student*

What is Title 1?

Westside Elementary is identified as a Title 1 school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title 1 is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title 1 programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title 1 schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Westside Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Westside Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Westside Elementary will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Westside Elementary School invited all parents to attend meetings in the spring to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. The plan is posted on our school web site for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual Parent Needs Survey online to ask parents for their input on revisions for the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. During the revision meeting parents and stakeholders provide input on how funds are spent. Our funds pay for: PASS, Kinvo, Academic Coach salary, student and parent resources.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Westside Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is posted on the school Web site and to Facebook. In addition, copies of the plan are emailed through Peachjar and Kinvo. Additional copies are available at the Annual Title 1 Meeting, in the Parent Resource Center and at Westside Elementary School's front office.

2021-2022 District Goals

- ⇒ Coffee County Schools will increase the percentage of students scoring at the Developing level or above in English Language Arts on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) Assessment.
- ⇒ Coffee County Schools will increase the percentage of students scoring at the Developing level or above in Mathematics on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) Assessment.
- ⇒ 2021-2022 School Goals
- ⇒ Westside Elementary will increase the CCRPI performance indicator in reading and mathematics by 5 percent.
- ⇒ Westside Elementary will increase Content Mastery in English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies
- ⇒ Westside Elementary will maintain the School Climate Star Rating of Five Stars.
- ⇒ The focus on positive behavior intervention is to decrease the number of office referrals in PBIS.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Westside Elementary and our families developed a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop explaining how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade level standards. The compacts are reviewed annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during Spring revision meetings. Westside will use these compacts throughout the year as an agreement to work as a team and strive for excellence in the education of our students. Copies are provided to each parent and are available on the school website, Facebook, and through Peachjar.

Westside Elementary tentatively will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Please check the school website, newsletter, Peachjar, Kinvo, and Facebook for times and reminders of events!

**** Please note that the dates, times, and formats of the meetings of all family events are subject to change.**

Open House/ Meet Your Teacher @ 6:30:

August 4 (Tues) A-M and August 5 (Wed.) N-Z
We invite you to meet and get to know your teacher as they share school procedures, grade level standards, our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) program, and incentives program

Annual Title I Meeting – August 19, 2021

We invite you to view and learn about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parent's requirements. The presentation will also be sent through Kinvo.

PASS Training for Parents—September-TBA

Parent-Teacher and Student-led Conferences – September 14th and February 8th

Math Night– October 21, 2021

Make it/Take it Virtual Math Night

PAWSOME Celebration Assemblies—

*October 28, 2021 -Grades K-5
January 14, 2022 -Grades K-5
March 25, 2022 -Grades K-5*

PJ/Christmas Party Day! - December 16, 2021
All class Christmas Parties will be held on this day.

Reading Night - February 3, 2022 @ 6:00 pm
Virtual Mask-A-Read Ball ...Join in on the fun of making masks and guessing the masked reader from the virtual presentations!!!

ESOL Fiesta! - February 25, 2021 6 PM
ESOL families will learn about the ESOL program, ACCESS Test and scoring. Parents will also have the opportunity to share authentic foods and visit with one another while they learn how they can help their child at home.

GMAS Parent Night– March 10, 2022
Parents are invited to learn study tips, test taking strategies, and GMAS information from their student and teacher!

End of the Year Honors Day Programs– 9:00 AM

*May 12, 2022 -Pre K
May 13, 2022 - Kindergarten
May 16, 2022 - 1st
May 17, 2022 –2nd
May 18, 2022 - 3rd
May 19, 2022-4th
May 20, 2022 –5th*

May 23, 2022 –CHS Senior Parade



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center located on F-Wing to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. PRC is open daily, 7:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Parental Involvement

Westside Elementary believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- 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.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Westside Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

(912) 389-6802 or
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Westside Elementary.....

Westside Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- ⇒ Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are published in both English and Spanish.
- ⇒ Provide trainings for staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during faculty meetings.
- ⇒ Partner with Head Start and Early Reading programs by sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ⇒ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website, Kinvo, Facebook, Peachjar, and the newsletter/calendar for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ⇒ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone message, social media, and flyers.
- ⇒ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ⇒ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ⇒ Use our Partners in Education to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- ⇒ Offer opportunities for parents to further enhance technology skills.
- ⇒ Collect feedback from parents at all events, by placing input cards around the building for parents to make requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.





Parental Involvement Standards

Westside Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

- Welcoming All Families**
- Communicating Effectively**
- Supporting Student Success**
- Speaking Up for Every Child**
- Sharing Power**
- Collaborating with Community**

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office or email kim.henderson@coffee.k12.ga.us.

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____



Building School Staff Capacity

We will provide professional leaning sessions, in addition to sharing articles/videos with teachers, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners.

We will also try to help teachers understand the value and importance of parents' contributions. It is our goal to provide opportunities for teachers to build ties between home and school. We will provide teachers with resources so that all communication can be translated into a language the parents can understand. We will plan family engagement activities based upon the needs and requests of parents and students.

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