

Westside Elementary School

Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2018–2019 School Year

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What is Title I?

Westside Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement plan. 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 and 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 our annual School Forum last 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 website 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 survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

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?

A copy will be sent home with all students. Parents can also receive a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2018-19 District Goals

The percentage of students scoring at or above grade level will increase by 3% in reading and math on the Georgia Milestone Assessment from Spring 2018

2018-2019 School Goals

On the 2018 School Improvement Plan, 100% of classroom teachers will participate in professional learning focused on balanced literacy instruction. As a result, 80% of students will meet their RIT goal in Reading/Language Arts on MAP (Measure of Academic Progress).

The focus for reading/language arts is:

K-5: Guided Reading

K-5: Writer's Workshop

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Westside Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact. This is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Let's Get Together!

Westside Elementary will host the following events to build capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community while improving student academic achievement.

Open House-August 6, 2018

K-2 5:30

3-5 6:30

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly, helpful school staff for the year.

Annual Title I Meeting and Milestone Information – September 20, 2018 6:30

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be sent home with students and posted in the school newsletter and local media.

Career Day – October 12, 2018

Members of the community will demonstrate careers to students and will encourage students to stay in school. Career paths will be discussed.

PTO Night-October 11, 2018 6:30

Third Grade Program

PTO Night- – November 8, 2018 6:30

Fourth Grade Program

PTO Night- December 13, 2018 6:30

Kindergarten Program

Dare Program- December 14, 2018 8:30

PTO Night – February 7, 2019 6:30

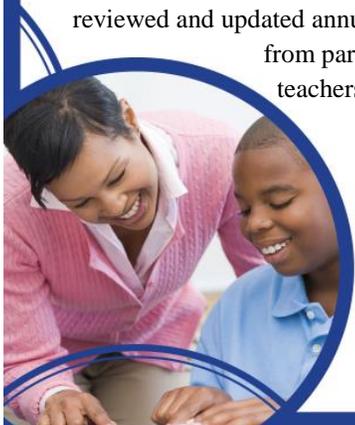
Second Grade Program.

Literacy Workshops – March 7, 2019 8:00

Presentation of Learning through students writing.

PTO Night – March 22, 2019 6:30

First Grade Program



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources. The Center is located outside the Media Center

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Parental Involvement

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

- 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.

Westside Elementary is Branching Out!

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 that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and in the school newsletter 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 messages, 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 and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- ✓ Offer literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input boxes around the building and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.



Parental Involvement Standards

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

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

School Community Team

Westside Elementary invites all parents to join the Parent Teacher Organization to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet monthly during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activity or meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the principal at (706-673-6531) or complete the "Share Your Thoughts" form and leave it in the main office.



PTO

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School PTO
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

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:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

