

**West Fannin Elementary
School Level Parental Involvement Policy**

**West Fannin Elementary School
Parental Involvement Policy and Plan
for Shared Student Success
2016-2017 School Year**



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What is Title I?

West Fannin 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 in order 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 policy.

Section 1118(b)(1), (f)

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how West Fannin Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. West Fannin Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that West Fannin 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 developed? West Fannin Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parents were invited to attend several meetings last spring to review and revise this parental involvement policy. Additionally, there is a comment section on the last page of this plan where you may provide input at any time. The plan is also posted on our school website. All parents are encouraged to attend School Governance Team and Parent Advisory meetings to provide suggestions on our Parent Involvement Plan and the use of funds for parent involvement.

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. West Fannin 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? The plan is available on our web-site and will be sent home with all students in August 2016. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Room or the Main Office.

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(b)(1)(c)(3), (f), (c)(4)(C)

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2016-17 District Goals

The Fannin County School System is committed to graduating all students on time with the skills they need to be successful. We believe this can best be accomplished in a high-performing learning environment focused on continuous improvement.

District Vision

The Fannin County School System will be recognized as a world class school system that holds a vision of excellence for all students with successful progression at each level and a 100% graduation rate.

School-Parent Compacts

West Fannin Elementary has a School-Parent Compact, which explains how parents, students, and West Fannin will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually as needed. West Fannin works hard to achieve 100% participation from our parents. The original School-Parent Compacts are kept by the Parent Liaison, Shannon Cioffi, in the Parent Resource Room.
Section 1118 (d)

Let's Get Together!

West Fannin Elementary 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. We are always trying to find new ways to encourage parent involvement and will strive to bring you additional events throughout the school year. We encourage all parents to attend!

Open House – August 3, 2016

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

Annual Title I Night – August 3, 2016

- ✓ Learn more about Title I including laws, finances, and parent involvement.

Curriculum Night – August 3, 2016

- ✓ Parents will meet with their student's teachers and learn about expectations, content and curriculum.

Lunch n Learn – one per grade level or as needed

- ✓ Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education

Family STEM Night – one per grade level (5th August, 4th September, K October, 3rd January, 2nd February, 1st March)

- ✓ Learn more about our STEM program and participate in a STEM activity with your child.

Parent-Teacher Conferences (October 7th, November 18th, and March 31st)

- ✓ Scheduled updates on your child's progress

Upcycling STEM Fair – January 24, 2017

- ✓ All 4th and 5th grade students can participate in this amazing event!

Family Literacy Night – March 2, 2017

- ✓ Enjoy a fun filled family night centered on reading.

Tour Day – April/May 2017

- ✓ Special day where new Kindergarten students and parents learn more about West Fannin.

PTO – Ongoing Events

- ✓ We encourage participation in our PTO we do a wide variety of family events throughout the year including a Fall Carnival, Santa Pictures, Secret Santa Shop, a Fun Run, and much more!

Volunteer Appreciation – April 2017

- ✓ A celebration of parent engagement and the recognition of parental involvement impact on school and student success.

Parent Involvement Participation Committees – Monthly

- ✓ Parent Advisory meets the last Tuesday of the month at 8:00 am and School Governance Team (SGT) meets the third Tuesday of every month at 8:00 am. Some dates are adjusted due to the school calendar. All meetings are posted in the main office and outside the parent resource room.

Section 1118 (c)(1)(2), (c)(4)(8), (e)(1)(2)(5), (c)(3)

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Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center we have AR books, pamphlets, study materials and activities to use at home. Computers, iPads, and a scanner are available for parents!
Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Parental Involvement

West Fannin Elementary believes that parent 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.

Section 1118 (c)(3) and (c)(4)(C)

SUPPORT

West Fannin 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 at (706) 492-3644 or scioffi@fannin.k12.ga.us

West Fannin is Branching Out!

West Fannin 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 sent home on upcoming events and weekly grade level newsletters either on paper or electronic correspondence for all parents. As well as, Blackboard telephone contact, Remind 101 texts, and use of our school marquee (as needed).
- ✓ Use various surveys to gather data to increase parent involvement which will help us to provide meaningful trainings and assist parents in the academic needs of students.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish (as needed) 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 our local Head Start program by presenting information to upcoming parents, hosting a tour day, and meeting with our Head Start staff.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Offer parent classes to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

Section 1118 (b)(1), (c)(4), (e)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (14)



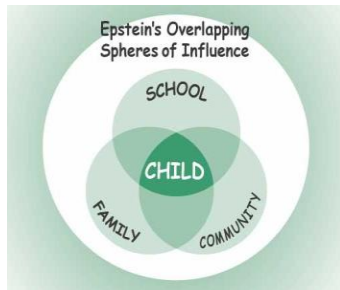
Student Achievement

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Parent Involvement Standards

West Fannin has adopted the Epstein Model for Parental Involvement. The connection between family, community, and school are created through 6 types of parental involvement.

1. Parenting
 2. Communicating
 3. Volunteering
 4. Learning at Home
 5. Decision-Making
 6. Collaborating with the Community
- Section 1118(e)(1)



The Fannin County School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, creed, or disability in admission to its programs, services, and activities, in access to them, in treatment of individuals, or in any aspect of their operations. For additional information or referral to the appropriate system coordinator, contact the system superintendent's office at 2290 East First Street, Blue Ridge, Georgia 30513 or 706-632-3771.

If it is necessary to have this information translated please contact Mrs. Mills at your child's school. Si usted necesita que este documento sea traducido pueden llamar a la Sra.

Parent Advisory Group

West Fannin Elementary invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Group to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet the last Tuesday of the month during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Advisory Group, please contact the Parent Liaison, Shannon Cioffi at 706-492-3644 or scioffi@fannin.k12.ga.us Section 1118 (e)(6)-(13)

Parent Advisory

- Yes, I am excited about joining Parent Advisory
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about Parent Advisory
- Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Section 1118 (c)(3), (c)(4)(C), (8)

Section 1118 (c)(3)

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 schools goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Parent Resource Room or the Main Office:

Name (Optional): _____ Telephone Number (Optional): _____

