

**West Fannin Elementary
School Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

**West Fannin Elementary School
Parent and Family Engagement Plan
and Plan for Shared Student Success**

2017-2018 School Year



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What is Title I?

West Fannin Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how West Fannin Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. West Fannin Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members 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 family 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 family engagement 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 parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the use of funds for family engagement. All parents are encouraged to attend School Governance Team and PTO/Parent Advisory meetings to give feedback 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. West Fannin Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available? The plan is available on our web-site and will be sent home with all students on August 25, 2017. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Room.

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2017-18 District Goals

The district goals for 2017-2018 are:

1. **Increase the mean growth percentage (MPG) in core content classes 50.8% to 53% on Milestones assessments.**
2. **Reduce the percentage of students missing more than 15 days per year from 13.4% to 10% or less in SY 2017-18.**

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

As part of this plan, West Fannin and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and our school 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 were sent home on August 25, 2017 and are kept in the Parent Resource Room if an additional copy is needed.

Let's Get Together!

West Fannin Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and 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, 2017

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

Annual Title I Night – August 3, 2017

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

Curriculum Night – August 3, 2017

- ✓ 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 (K&5th 9/21, 1st&3rd 10/5, and 2nd&4th 10/26)

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences (October 6th, November 17th, and April 13th)

- ✓ Scheduled updates on your child's progress

Upcycling STEM Fair – January 2018

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

Family Literacy Night – March 2018

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

Tour Day – April/May 2018

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

PTO and Parent Advisory Group – We meet the third Wednesday of the month at 4:00 (except December and April)

- ✓ We encourage participation in our PTO and Parent Advisory, which does a wide variety of family events throughout the year and discusses important topics about West Fannin. We value your input!

Parent and Family Appreciation – April 2018

- ✓ A celebration of family engagement and the recognition of its impact on school and student success.

Federal Budget Stakeholder/Parent Meeting – April/ May 2018

- ✓ Parents and community stakeholders are invited and encouraged to participate in our annual review of our District Comprehensive Needs Assessment and provide input into our District and School Improvement Plans throughout the year. School Improvement teams and School Governance Teams comprised of parents, community members, school and district employees will review, discuss, and revise improvement plans and make tentative budget decisions each spring.

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Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center we have books, pamphlets, study materials and activities to use at home.

Computers, iPads, printers and a scanner are available for parents!

Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

West Fannin Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members 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.

SUPPORT

West Fannin Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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West Fannin is Branching Out!

West Fannin Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 for all parents. As well as, Blackboard telephone contact, Remind 101 texts, Facebook, and the use of our school marquee (as needed).
- ✓ Use various surveys to gather data to increase family engagement 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 grade level newsletters 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.
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials 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 STEM to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Offer parent classes to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



Student Achievement



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**Parent and Family
Engagement Standards**

West Fannin 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

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.

Attached is an important document from your child's school. If it is necessary to have this information translated please contact Mrs. Mills, Ms. Olavarria, or Mrs. Lansing at your child's school. Adjunto se encuentra un documento muy importante de la escuela de su hijo. Si necesita que este documento sea traducido por favor de llamar a la Señora Mills, Señora Lisset o a la Señora Lansing a la escuela de su hijo.

PTO combined with Parent Advisory Group

West Fannin Elementary invites all parents to join the PTO and 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 third Wednesday of every month at 4:00 (except December and April). 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

- Yes, I am excited about joining PTO and PAG
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more
- 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: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy 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): _____

