



Wilbanks Middle School

Parent Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2017– 2018 School Year

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What is Title I?

Wilbanks Middle School 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 policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

- **What is it?** This is a plan that describes how Wilbanks MS will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. WMS 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 WMS 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?** WMS welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online, hard copy, and by e-mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during our monthly PTO meetings.
- **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. WMS will provide opportunities for the participation of all parents including those with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.
- **Where is it available?** At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the student handbook that is given to all students. As a reminder, we post the plan on our website and have copies in our front office.





2017 – 2018 School Goals

- * All student growth will be toward being college and career ready.
- * We will increase the number of EL students making a positive band movement on the 2017 ACCESS.
- * WMS will focus on safety, discipline, attendance, and maximize instructional time.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan a school-parent compact was designed, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students developed together 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 during the PSTA meetings and Powertime and the school staff meetings. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Let's Get Together!

WMS 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.

- Open House – August 3, 2017 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
- Parent Compact Meeting August 29, 2017
- PowerSchool Night : September 28, 2017 5pm-6:30pm
- Annual Title I Meeting: October 26, 2017
- Parent Teacher Conferences: November/December
- MileStone Parent Meeting: March 2018
- Ongoing School Council



Parental Involvement

WMS believes that parental involvement means that 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.

WMS 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.
(706) 894-1341 or
jmorales@habershamschools.com

WMS is Branching Out!



WMS 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, and posted on the school website, through social media, One call e-mail and voice recordings, website, school signs, flyers sent home with students, and announcements at events
- ✓ 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, such as phone messages 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 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 education backgrounds.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities



Parental Involvement Standards

WMS and our parents have adopted the following 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 Students Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community



WMS PTO

WMS invites all parents to join the School PTO 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 during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the PTO, please contact Jessica Morales at (706) 894-1341 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the WMS PTO
- Please contact me so I can learn more joining the PTO
- Please send me notifications about future meeting 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 in not satisfactory with students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide and leave this form in the main office:

Name: (Optional) _____

Telephone Number: (Optional) _____

