

**West Hall Middle School
Parental and Family Engagement
Policy
Plan for Shared Student Success
for 2020-2021**



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School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how West Hall Middle will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. West Hall Middle values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that West Hall Middle 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 revised? West Hall Middle school invites all parents to attend an annual parent and family engagement input meeting, in the spring of the year, to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school/district comprehensive needs assessment, school/district improvement plans, school-parent compact, and the parent and family engagement budget. Additionally, our school welcomes parent input and comments at any time during the school year regarding this plan. All parent feedback received during the school year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. 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 and make paper copies available for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parent and family members 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. West Hall Middle will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and families with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, after revision, the plan is posted on the school's website at whms.hallco.org emailed through Infinite Campus, presented at the Annual Title I meeting, and paper copies are provided in the school's front office. The plan is provided in both English and Spanish.

What is Title I?

West Hall Middle School 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 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

District Goals 2020-2021

By the end of FY21, the percentage of students in each subgroup moving into the “Proficient” and “Distinguished” levels of performance on the Georgia Milestones Assessments will increase by 2% in the “Proficient” and “Distinguished” levels of performance.

By the end of FY21, the “Closing the Gaps” score will increase by 10% (based on FY19 “Closing the GAPS” score) at each level (elementary, middle, and high).

By the end of FY21, the percentage of economically disadvantaged students moving into the “Proficient” and “Distinguished” levels of performance on the Georgia Milestones ELA Assessments will increase by 3% in the “Proficient” and “Distinguished” levels of performance.

School Goals 2020-2021

Over the next three years, we will positively impact our school's overall literacy by increasing the number of our students who are performing at or above the proficiency level in grades 6-8 on the Georgia Milestones in ELA and Math by 5%.

During the SY20-21, teachers will train students to effectively gauge their level of understanding of content standards, positive behavior progress, and identify potential areas for growth. In addition, students will gain the ability to determine more effectively their progress towards mastery in a particular course of study.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, West Hall Middle School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop 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 parent input meeting. The school-parent compacts are shared through the Annual Title I meeting, Infinite Campus, and posted on the school's website. The school-parent compacts are kept in the main office if parents need another copy.

Let's Get Together!

West Hall Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Meeting format (Zoom or In-person) TBD depending on conditions at the time of the meeting.

- ✓ **Open House- August 17 and 18, 2020 3:00-7:00 PM for 6th Grade Students**
Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year. Students in 7th and 8th grade will have a virtual open house on August 19, 2020.
- ✓ **Annual Title I Meeting – October 15, 2020 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM**
We invite you to a virtual meeting to learn about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compact, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be posted on the school's website and social media.
- ✓ **Curriculum Nights - throughout the year**
October 29, 2020 – 6th Grade 6:00-7:00 PM
January 28, 2021 – 8th Grade 5:30-6:30 PM
February 25, 2021 – 7th Grade 5:30-6:30 PM
Join us for a night of information about curriculum and expectations on how to be successful this school year.
- ✓ **Carnegie Unit Parent Meeting- February 25, 2021 5:30-6:30 PM**
Join us for an informational meeting on the purpose of Carnegie Units and how it will benefit in obtaining required credits for high school.
- ✓ **Milestones Preparation Parent Meeting – March 25, 2021 6:00PM**
Join us for an informational meeting on how your student(s) can best prepare for the upcoming Ga Milestones (EOG/EOC) Exams.
- ✓ **Annual Parent Input Meeting- April 29, 2021 9:30-10:30 AM and 5:30PM-6:30PM**
Parents have an opportunity to provide input into the revision of the School Improvement Plan, Comprehensive Needs Assessment, Parent Involvement Plan, Parent Compact, and Parental Involvement Budget.
- ✓ **Rising 6th Grade Parent Night- May 13, 2021 6:00 PM**
Orient and guide parents in supporting their adolescent through the transition from 5th grade to middle school.
- ✓ **Awards Day—May 20, 2021 9:00 AM (7th Grade), 1:30 PM (6th Grade), 6:00 PM (8th Grade)**
Celebrate with us the accomplishments of our students for the 2020-2021 school year.

Parental and Family Engagement

West Hall Middle School believes that parent and family engagement 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;

West Hall Middle School is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family 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.

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School Measures to Provide Assistance

West Hall Middle School 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 published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website.
- ✓ It is the goal of West Hall Middle School to increase parent and family engagement with the school through the Hall County Parent Tool Box and parent resource catalog.
- ✓ It is the goal of West Hall Middle School to increase parent and family communication through Infinite Campus and the school's website.
- ✓ Conduct staff development in Canvas at least four times per year on parent and family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with families.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and in communication from teachers in order for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments, as well as the ways parents and families can monitor their child's progress.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities via phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents and families at conferences, meetings, and activities to help families work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ✓ Host a rising 6th grade parent night for students and parents from feeder elementary schools to assist with transition to middle school
- ✓ Collaborate with the feeder high school to coordinate a tour of the high school for 8th grade students to assist with the transition to high school

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

West Hall Middle 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 –

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

Parent and Family Engagement Committee/School Council

- Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent and Family Engagement Committee/School Council
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent and Family Engagement Committee/School Council
- 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: _____



Parent and Family Engagement at West Hall Middle

West Hall Middle invites all parents to join our Parent and Family Engagement Committee/School Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. Parents and family members can 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 Parent and Family Engagement Committee/School Council, please contact us at 770-967-4871 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

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) _____

