

**Wacona Elementary School**  
**Parent Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared**  
**Student Success**  
2016-17 School Year



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**What is Title I?**

Wacona is a School-wide Title I elementary school. This means that the school receives federal Title I funds to help all students become academically successful. Title I is designed to support schools in meeting challenging state academic standards and to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students.

Wacona parent/family engagement programs/workshops are based on improving student academic achievement and building parent capacity. As a Title I school, Wacona will jointly develop with all parents/families a written parent involvement plan.

**School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

**What is it?** This is a plan that describes how Wacona will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Wacona 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 Wacona 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?** Wacona Elementary welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey in the spring to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during various parent meetings with the School Improvement Team and school leaders to revise the plan for the upcoming school year.

**Who is it for?** Wacona Elementary is a school-wide Title I school, so all students participate in the Title I, Part A program. All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Wacona 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 the school website and a copy can be obtained from the Parent Resource Center, from the Title I Parent Involvement Coordinator, or from the school lobby. Parents may also view the plan during the Annual Title I meeting at Wacona Elementary in September, as well as during all parent meetings.

## 2016-17 District Goals

- Develop and implement the 2020 Vision, an innovative, rigorous, and relevant learning environment that challenges all students to attain high academic growth.
- Recruit, retain, and develop highly skilled personnel to serve the needs of each child in the Ware County School System.
- Strengthen school, family, and community partnerships.

## Wacona Elementary School Goals

- **GOAL 1:** Increase the number of students in grades 3-5 performing at Level 3 and 4 on the Math portion of the Georgia Milestones Assessment.
- **GOAL 2:** Increase the number of students in grades 3-5 performing at Level 3 and 4 on the ELA portion of the Georgia Milestones Assessment.
- **GOAL 3:** Increase the number of students in grades 3-5 performing at Level 3 and 4 on the Social Studies portion of the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

## School-Parent Compacts

Wacona Elementary developed a school-parent compact for k-1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade with the input of parents, teachers, and students. These compacts explain how parents and teachers will work together with our students to reach and exceed grade level expectations. This tool builds capacity with our parents by increasing communication between all parties. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annual based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. School-Parent Compacts are sent home with every student. Additional copies can be obtained from the school lobby, as well as the school website at [www.wacona.com](http://www.wacona.com)

## Let's Get Together

Wacona 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.

### Open House – August 2, 2016, 4:00-6:00pm

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

### Annual Title I Meeting – September 22, 2016, 5:30pm and September 23, 2016, 7:30am

All parents are invited to a meeting of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parent involvement budget. Information will be posted in the school newsletter, local newspaper, on the school marquee, as well as a callout using Blackboard to call parents to remind them of this important meeting.

### Lunch and Learn- scheduled by grade level

Come eat lunch with your child, then observe a lesson in the classroom and receive resources to help your child at home. Parent reservations will be sent a month before each Lunch and Learn, as well as posted in the school newsletter, on the school marquee, and call to parents using Blackboard.

### Curriculum Night – September 20, 2016, following PTO at 6:00pm

Meet with your child's grade level teachers to learn more about the curriculum used in each grade level and receive resources and a list of grade level skills in all academic areas to help your child at home

### Family Reading Night – October 4, 2016, 5:00-7:00pm

All parents are invited to attend and listen to your child read and observe them take an assessment on Accelerated Reader. Receive tips on helping your child become a more fluent reader to improve their comprehension.

### Study Island Parent Training – October 13, 2016, 7:30am or 12:30pm

All parents are invited to learn how to use Study Island at home as a resource to help their child in all academic areas.

### K-2 Reading Workshop- November 17, 2016, 7:30am or 3:00pm

All parents with students in kindergarten through second grade are invited to this workshop to learn how to read to and with their child. Parents will receive resources to help their child improve reading skills at home.

### Georgia Milestones Parent Meeting – December 13, 2016, 7:30am or 12:30 pm

All parents with students in third through fifth grade are invited to this workshop to learn about the Georgia Milestones assessment their child will be taking in the Spring. Resources will be given to parents to help their child prepare for this assessment at home.

### Homework 911 Workshop – January 26, 2017, 8:00am or 12:30pm

All parents are invited to learn about working with their child on homework. Receive great tips for helping make homework a pleasant experience for you and your child.

### Spring Evaluation Meeting – May 11, 2017 3:00pm

All parents are invited to a meeting regarding the schoolwide plan, parental involvement plan, school-parent compacts, and the parental involvement budget.

### 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.

Monday – Friday, 7:10-7:45am and 2:15-2:45pm

### Parental Involvement

Wacona Elementary believes that parental 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
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan

Wacona Elementary School is committed to helping our parents attend parent 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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Family & Parent Engagement

### Wacona Elementary – Promoting and Supporting Parents

Wacona 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 trainings for staff during faculty meetings on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and Daffodil programs to provide a smooth transition to kindergarten. Parents and students will tour the campus and meet with kindergarten teachers.
- ✓ 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 schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, flyers, school marquee, and school website.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at events and place suggestion forms in the lobby, in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent involvement activities.



## Parental Involvement Standards

Wacona Elementary 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 Advisory Council

Wacona Elementary invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The council will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activity or meeting, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Advisory Council, please contact the Parent Involvement Coordinator at (912)287-2362 or complete the interest form and leave it in the front office.

## Parent Advisory Council

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Parent Advisory Council
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the PAC
- 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 front office:

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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