

Wacona Elementary

Family Engagement Plan and Plan for Shared Student Success

2017–2018 School Year

Wacona Elementary School

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What is Title I?

Wacona 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 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 a written family engagement policy.



What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Wacona Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Wacona values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student 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 School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent responses regarding this plan are welcome during the school year, and the plan is posted on our school web site for parents to view. All parent feedback received during the year to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental engagement. Parents can also give feedback during various parent meetings and activities throughout the school year.

Who is it for?

Wacona is a school-wide Title I School; therefore all students participate in the Title I, Part A program. Students and 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 sent home with all students, is available on the school website, and is located in the front office. The plan can be viewed at Wacona's Open House in August, other parent meetings held during the school year, or obtain a copy of the plan from the Title I Family Engagement Coordinator.

2017–18 District Goals

Student Achievement: Increase by 3 percentage points the number of students reading on grade level as indicated in the area of reading status as measured by the GMAS Spring test administration.

2017–18 School Goals

Increase the number of students performing on proficient/distinguished levels in math on the Georgia Milestones by 3%.

The focus for math is:

K–5: Math Fact Fluency

K-5: Math Vocabulary Development

K-5: Problem Solving

Increase the number of students performing on proficient/distinguished levels in literacy on the Georgia Milestones by 4.5%.

The focus for reading is:

K: Sight Word Fluency

K-5: Reading Comprehension and Close Reading

K–5: Vocabulary development

K-5: Writing across the curriculum

Let's Get Together!

Wacona Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Open House – August 1, 2017

Grandparent's Day – September 26-27, 2017

Curriculum Night – September 19, 2017

Annual Title I Meeting – September 20, 2017 & September 21, 2017

Grade Level Literacy and Math Parent Workshops – September – January

Fall Festival – October 27, 2017

Family STEM Night – November 16, 2017

*Thanksgiving Lunch – November 14th – K, 2nd, and 4th
November 15th – 1st, 3rd, and 5th*

Homework 911 Workshop – November 28, 2017

*PTO Meetings—September 26, 2017 – First Grade Performance
November 19, 2017 – Kindergarten Performance
March 20, 2018 – Chorus and Dance Club Performance*

Family Engagement/School Council Meetings - Quarterly

Georgia Milestones Workshop—February 13, 2018

Parent Volunteer Celebration – May 2018

Beach Day – May, 2018

Title I Evaluation and Input Meeting—May, 2018

Pre-K Transition to Kindergarten—May 2018

Fifth Grade Transition to Middle School – May 2018

Honor's Day Celebrations—May, 2018

Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center in room 206! We have materials you can check out to use at home to help your child with reading and math skills. We are open from 7:45am to 3:00pm.

Family Engagement

Wacona Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including and ensuring parents:

- Play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- 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.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACTS

In an effort to build strong partnerships, Wacona will work with parents, students, and teachers to develop a school-family compact. This signed compact is an agreement that describes how parents, students, and teachers will be responsible for supporting academic learning. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The school-family compact remains at home to be reviewed, and will be discussed throughout the year at various school-family events and conferences.



Wacona Supports Parents by:

- ✓ Ensuring that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school Web site, and included in the weekly school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Communicating with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, Class Dojo, social media, our school website, and flyers.
- ✓ Providing necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Providing multiple opportunities throughout the year for ALL parents to review and provide suggestions for revision to the School-wide Plan, School Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and the Parent Engagement Plan.
- ✓ Providing trainings for staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.
- ✓ Collecting feedback from parents at events, place input cards around the building in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental engagement activities.
- ✓ Collaborating with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental engagement plan and activities.

Parental Engagement Standards

Wacona Elementary 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

Family Engagement Team

Wacona Elementary invites all parents to join the Family Engagement Committee to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Family Engagement Team, please contact Michele Yaun @ (912) 287-2362 or via email at myaun@ware.k12.ga.us

Wacona 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.

Wacona's Family Engagement Team



- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Family Engagement Team.
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the Parent Engagement Team.
- 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) _____