



***William James Middle School
Family Engagement Plan
2023-2024 School Year***

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What is Title I?

WJMS 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 the challenging state academic standards 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 develop, with parents and family members, a written parent and family engagement plan.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

WJMS values the contributions and involvement of our parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that WJMS will encourage and support parent engagement. It lists opportunities where parents can participate in activities and events that will help promote their child's learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

WJMS welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding this plan. All parent feedback 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 feedback is welcome throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online. A note will be sent to parents via students that has the survey link and information about how they can request a paper copy of the survey.

Who is it for?

All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. WJMS will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. Residential facilities in the school attendance area are included in any parent involvement correspondence and activities as well.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the school year by November 1, the plan is distributed to all students. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the Family Engagement Plan from the school's front office, the Parent Resource Center, the school website, and the Bulloch County Board of Education.

School - Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, WJMS and our families will develop a school - parent compact. This compact is an agreement to explain how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers received throughout the school year.

WJMS believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, meaningful communication. Our goals is to ensure that:

1. Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
2. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
3. Parents are full partners in their child's education.

WJMS Parent Resource Center

The Parent Resource Center is filled with educational games, books, and much more. It is located in Room A-1. The Family Engagement Specialist will be available at the school by appointment. If you need assistance please contact your school Family Engagement Specialist, Alicia Trejo, at (912) 259-2407 or email atrejo@bullochschools.org

Family Engagement Plan

WJMS believes that family engagement means the consistent participation of parents and families in meaningful two-way communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.

We believe:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- 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.



WJMS Supports Achievement!

WJMS 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 goals. We will:

- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities via call outs, email, and social media.
- Conduct staff development annually on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Partner with JPB and MLE to share information about family engagement opportunities that will help prepare parents and their children for a smooth transition to middle school.
- Share information in English and Spanish 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.
- Work with parents to develop relevant trainings and presentations to educate them on how to help their child achieve academic success.
- Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional educational support.
- Maintain a Parent Resource Room to help parents establish home learning environments.

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2023-2024 District Graduation Goal

Bulloch County Schools will increase its graduation rate from 83.5% in 2019-2020 to 90% by 2023-2024.

2023- 2024 District Goals

1. Bulloch County Schools will increase the percentage of 8th grade students scoring at proficient or distinguished on the Spring ELA GMAS End-of-Grade assessment from 41% in Spring 2021 to 56% by Spring 2024.
2. Bulloch County Schools will increase the percentage of 9th grade students scoring at proficient or distinguished on the Spring American Lit EOC assessment from 22% in Spring 2021 to 37% by Spring 2024.
3. Bulloch County Schools will increase the percentage of students in grades 3-8 scoring at the proficient or distinguished Level on the Spring Math GMAS assessment from 31.9% in Spring 2021 to 50.0% by Spring 2024.
4. Bulloch County Schools will increase the percentage of students taking Algebra I scoring at the Proficient or Distinguished Level on the GMAS end-of-course assessment from 28.4% in 2021 to 50.0% by 2024.

2023-2024 School Improvement Goals

1. WJMS will increase its CCRPI climate by 3% from (83.3)% in 2022 to (83.8)% in 2023; to (84.3)% in 2024; to (84.8)% in 2025 by implementing targeted climate initiatives.
2. WJMS will increase its CCRPI content mastery score by 3% from 54.2% in 2022 to 56.5% in 2023; to 58.7% in 2024; to 60.7% in 2025 by implementing professional development and professional learning communities.

Let's Get Together!

WJMS will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement in order to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community so that we all can improve student academic achievement:

Coffee & Conversation

Mr. McAfee invites parents and stakeholders to join him for conversations about timely WJMS topics.

Title I Annual Meeting (August 2023, TBD)

This meeting gives parents an opportunity to learn more about the Title I program including the Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, your rights as a parent, and more. Invitations will be sent home via callout to parents, and will be posted on the school website and in the weekly parent newsletters.

Family Learning Nights/Forums (Fall & Spring)

These events will offer parents an opportunity to discover fun new ways to help their students academically.

Title I Annual Review Meeting (Spring)

Parents and stakeholders will take part in the annual review for the School-Parent Compact, the Parent & Family Engagement Plan, and the Family Engagement Budget.

*Rising 6th grade Night

This program allows 5th Graders and their families to get a glimpse of what to expect in Middle School.

*6th - 8th grade Honors Night

Invitation only

*Events and dates will be announced at a later time. Parents will be notified of event dates via our school website, marquee, newsletters, and call-outs. We look forward to seeing you!