

Woodruff High School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2023-2024 School Year

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What is Title I?

Woodruff High 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 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 jointly develop with parents and family

members a written parent and family engagement policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Woodruff High School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Woodruff High School values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Woodruff High School 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?

Woodruff High School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents 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. Woodruff High School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan will be posted on the school website and social media pages. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2023-2024 District Goals

All schools in the district will score in the 90th percentile or above as measured by state testing.

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- Teachers will work on literacy text: meaning and content.
- Teachers will use USA Test Prep to practice End of Course assessments.
- Teachers will collect and analyze data to make instructional decisions.
- Teachers will monitor student progress.
- Teachers will assist with additional EOC enrichment activities.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Woodruff High School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop 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.

The school-parent compacts are shared with parents during registration and kept in Mrs. Morris's office if parents need another copy.

Let's Get Together!

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Unity in the Community – September 15, 2023

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Beta Club Induction – September 19, 2023

A club based on the ideas of academic achievement, character, service and leadership. Must meet GPA requirement.

Homecoming Week – September 24-29, 2023

Sunday Homecoming Parade 3:00, Monday Powder Puff Game 7:00, Tuesday Volleyball 5:30, Wednesday SYATP, Thursday Volleyball/Bonfire Burn, Friday

Halloween on Main – October 31, 2023

Students/Teachers pass out candy.

Veterans Day Program/Field of Flags – November 10, 2023

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Soup Kitchen – November 14, 2023

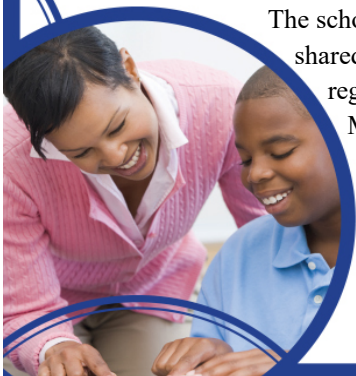
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National Honor Society Inductions – November 27, 2023

A club based on the ideas of service, leadership, and character. Must meet GPA requirements.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – Each Grading Term

Schedule updates on your child's progress.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to view 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. Contact Mrs. Hitchcock, WHS's Media Specialist.

Parent and Family Engagement

Woodruff High School believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members 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.

Woodruff High School is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Woodruff High School is Branching Out!

Woodruff High 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.
- ✓ Train staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events through various surveys or mailed correspondence. Please contact Mrs. Morris for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Woodruff High School 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



School Improvement Council – School Community Team

Woodruff High School invites all parents to join the School Improvement Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members 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

Please join us at our quarterly meetings.
SIC/Federal Programs meeting.
They are held in the WHS library.

October 19, 2023 @ 5:30pm
December 14, 2023 @ 9:00am
March 21, 2024 @ 5:30pm
June 6, 2024 @ 9:00am



School Improvement Council - School Community Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Improvement Council – School Community Team.
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the School Improvement Council – School Community 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 policy 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) _____

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8th Grade Parent Night – January 10, 2024

Eighth graders and their parents attend an informational meeting on registering for their 9th grade year.

FASFA/Dual Credit Night (Seniors and Parents) – January TBA

Financial aid presentation addressing the FASFA policy including updates and changes. Representative from SCC addressing dual credit opportunities and deadlines for our current students.

Career Fair – February 21, 2024

Several area businesses set up booths in the gym. Our 9th and 10th graders get to explore career opportunities.

Parent Night – March 19, 2024

Parents and students attend an informational meeting on registering for the next school year.

Most Improved Banquet – April 25, 2024

Teachers recognize their most improved student for the 23-24 school year. Students receive an invitation and tickets to invite their family to a dinner banquet in their honor.

Awards Day – May 17, 2024

Students receive various awards including scholarships, class awards, and athletic awards. R.D. Anderson and the Master Skills Center will also hold awards days in the month of May.

Athletic Events/Banquets – Dates Posted Weekly

Everyone is welcome to attend all our athletic events. After each season an athletic sports banquet is held. Athletes are recognized for their participation and commitment to their sport. (Fall-November, Winter-March, Spring-May)

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – Teachers Schedule each Nine Weeks

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Fundraising Events – Sports Teams and Clubs Organize

Zaxby's Nights, Scoops' Nights, Food Trucks, Pizza Inn Nights

Art Exhibits/Outreach – Dates Posted Monthly

Chapman Cultural Center, County Fair, Empty Bowls Luncheon (January), Art Spring Fling (March), Dianna Olencki Art Show (May)

Chorus/Marching Cadets – Dates Posted Monthly

Chorus and band Christmas concerts (December), Girls Ensemble at FBC (December), band marching in area Christmas parades (December), chorus (April) and band (March) perform at Carowinds, band participates in Storybook Parade (March), end of year chorus and band concerts (May).

Maroon on a Mission – Dates Posted Monthly

A service club whose goal is to make the Woodruff community a better place. Many projects include food drives, clothing drives, visits to nursing homes, and participation in other community events.