

# Worth County Middle School

## Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success

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## What is Title I?

Worth County 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 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 Worth County Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. WCMS 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 WCMS 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?

Worth County Middle School invites all parents to participate in our annual Federal Programs Stakeholder Input Meeting 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. 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 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 during the school year. Suggestions and feedback are reviewed to make annual revisions to the plan for the new school year. Any unsatisfactory comments from parents regarding school plans will be forwarded to the district office.

## 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. Worth County Middle 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?

At the beginning of the year, a paper copy of the plan is given to all students. The plan will also be posted on the school website and social media. Parents can request a copy of the plan to be emailed or pick up a paper copy of the plan from the WCMS front office.

## Worth County Middle School

### District Goals:

**Goal 1:**  
Develop a learning culture that increases student achievement to graduate college and career-ready students.

**Goal 2:**  
Provide targeted curriculum and instruction support through PLCs

### School Goals:

**Goal 1:**  
WCMS will increase the number of students scoring proficient or above on the Georgia Milestones Assessments by 3%.

**Goal 2:**  
WCMS will increase the number of students scoring a proficient or advanced Lexile measure by 3% on the spring administration of the Reading Inventory Assessment.

## School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, WCMS 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 also shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy



## TEAMWORK

Worth County 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.

### Open House - July 2023

Meet your child's teacher and the WCMS staff.

### Back To School Parent Night - August 2023

Families will be provided with information and resources that will help them support their student's be successful academically.

### Annual Title I Meeting - August 2023

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our family engagement plan, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be posted in our Parent Portal, on our school webpage, shared via all classroom Reminds, parent emails and on social media.

### Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences - Scheduled As Needed

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

### Parent GMAS Meeting - January 2023

Parents will gain knowledge about the Georgia Milestones Assessment as well as learn about valuable resources related to GMAS.

### Annual Federal Programs Stakeholder Input Meeting - March 2023

Parents are asked to give any input they may have for the district and school's plan and compact and decisions regarding how the funds reserved are allotted for parent and family engagement activities



## Parent Resource

Computers on campus for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.  
Available during regular school hours.  
Paper copies of resources are also available.

Contact Christy Haskins, Media Specialist

## Family Engagement

Worth County Middle 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.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Please call or email if you have any questions or concerns.

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## Worth County Middle School Supporting Teamwork

WCMS 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 are published in both English and parents' preferred communication language, posted on the school website, social media, and shared via the parent portal.
- ✓ Provide monthly training for staff during their planning periods/scheduled faculty meetings on the value of parents and their contributions, strategies to improve communication with parents, and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom.
- ✓ Partner with community members or resources or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for a successful school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and parents' preferred communication language on the school's webpage and parent workshops 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 email, phone messages, social media, webpage, and parent portal.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant training and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, and post contact information on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.





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Infinite Campus Portal gives parents access to grades, attendance, communication tools, and resources.

Use the link below for instructions to activate your parent portal account.

[tinyurl.com/ActivateMyPortal](http://tinyurl.com/ActivateMyPortal)



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### Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE)

The Georgia Standards of Excellence for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies will ensure that all Georgia students have an equal access and opportunity to master the skills and knowledge needed for success beyond high school. Effective implementation of the Georgia Standards of Excellence requires support on multiple fronts, including strengthening teacher content knowledge, teaching and instructional skills, and contextualized tasks for students that effectively engage 21st century learners. The standards create a foundation to work collaboratively across state and district, pooling resources and expertise, to create curricular tools, professional development, common assessments, and other instructional materials ([www.georgiastandards.org](http://www.georgiastandards.org), 2011)

Standards provide clear expectations for instruction, assessment and student work. They define the level of work that demonstrates achievement of the standards, enabling teacher to know "how good is good enough." The performance standards isolate and identify the skills needed to use the knowledge and skills to problem solving, reason, communicate, and make connections with other information. They also tell the teacher how to assess the extent to which the student knows the material or can manipulate and apply the information.

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### 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 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:

Telephone:

Email:

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