

Northwest Laurens Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2023-2024 School Year

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What is Title I?

Northwest Laurens Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in order to 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 parents and family members, a written parent and family engagement plan.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Northwest Laurens Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Northwest Laurens Elementary 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 Northwest Laurens Elementary 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?

NWLE solicits input regarding the plan from teachers, students, and parents alike. All feedback is considered when revising the plan for the following school year. The plan is written annually and posted on our school website for parents and family members to view and to provide feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and provide printed surveys asking parents for their suggestions on the plan and use of funds for family engagement. Parents can also give feedback during our spring Title I input meeting to revise the plan for the upcoming school year. Parent comments can be submitted to the district if the plan is found unsatisfactory.

Who is it for?

All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Northwest Laurens Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children. Residential facilities in our school attendance area are included in the parental involvement correspondence and activities.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is posted on our webpage, <https://www.lcboe.net/2/Home>. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center. Spanish translations are available and posted as well.



2023-2024 District Goals

In our efforts to increase rigor and student achievement, to provide relevant curriculum learning experiences, and to build meaningful relationships with our students and stakeholders, the Laurens County School System has set the following goals for FY24:

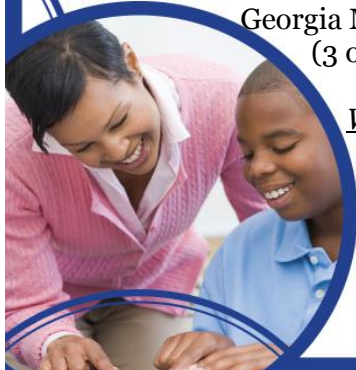
- 1-Increase percentage of students reading on grade level based on Reading Inventory Lexile levels from the 2023-2024 beginning of the school year data so that at least 75% of students are considered proficient at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
- 2-During FY24, increase number of students scoring on the Math GMAS at a proficient or distinguished level as compared to FY23 percentiles or higher.
- 3-Increase FY24 percentage of all subgroup populations scoring at the proficient level on GMAS ELA and Math Assessments by 3% over FY23 scores.
- 4-Increase or maintain school climate ratings at each school by utilizing support resources available.

2023-2024 School Goals

Reading: 72% of students in grades K-5 reading on grade level or above by the end of the year as measured by Acadience or the Reading Inventory.

Math: 60% of students in grades K-5 on grade level or above in math as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment (3 or 4), IXL, and GKIDS.

Writing: Students in grades K-5 will use writing strategies across all subject areas in lessons every day.



Northwest Laurens Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Program and Activities

Northwest Laurens Elementary 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. Meetings will be scheduled at various times and in different formats throughout the year.

Open House

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

Annual Title 1 Meeting

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title 1 program including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts and the parents' requirements. Instructional staff will also provide a description and explanation of the curriculum and assessments used to measure student progress and achievement levels.

Parents/Grandparents Breakfast

Opportunity for parents and grandparents to come out and eat with their child and visit the classroom.

Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)

The opportunity to inform parents of the business and events that are taking place in the school. Input and discussion from parents are welcomed and classroom visits are encouraged.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Family Learning Nights

The opportunity for parents to gain knowledge about topics relevant to their child's education.

Annual Title 1 Spring Meeting

Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.

Parent-Family-Student Online Resources

The LCSS Parent and Family Engagement Google Page <https://www.lcboe.net/Content2/6> is available with games, resources, and other valuable information for parents and students to readily access throughout the school year. Resources include activities for PreK through 5th grade academic focus skills and more.

School Facebook and YouTube pages

Resources and important information will be shared throughout the year online. Follow us using the links below:

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthwestLaurensElementary>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiPePtOFN6H-RRdfjFodA>



NWLE School YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCifPePtOFN6H-RRdfliFodA>

Live morning news show, student-created videos, teacher-created video resources, and much more! We are constantly adding new things to our channel. Follow us so you never miss a video!

Parent and Family Engagement

NWLE 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.

NWLE is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy.

If you have any questions, please call (478) 676-3475 or email Principal JT Dean at jefferydean@lcboe.net



Northwest Laurens Elementary Promise

NWLE 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 posted on the school website, Facebook, and included in the weekly school newsletter for all families.
- *Provide trainings for staff during Professional Learning Communities 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.
- *Partner with PreK programs, West Laurens Middle School, 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.
- *Share information in English and other languages (upon request) 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, and flyers.
- *Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings 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 achievement.
- *Use our NWLE Resources and PTO 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 using feedback cards in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Language translation of materials and documents shared with parents/guardians at NWLE will be made available upon request.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

NWLE 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:

- Welcoming All Families
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking Up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with Community

School- Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Northwest Laurens Elementary 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 the feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Spring Title I Meeting/School Forum. 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.



Parent-Teacher Organization

NWLE invites all parents to join PTO to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. PTO meetings are held regularly 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. If you would like to learn more about the PTO, please contact the principal at 478-676-3475 or jefferydean@lcboe.net.

Volunteer Opportunity

Yes, I am interested in volunteering at NWLE.

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Child's Teacher: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____