



WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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What is Title I?

Westside 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 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 all parents and family members a written family engagement plan.

District Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Student Achievement

All students will continually demonstrate high academic and social-emotional growth preparing them for life, college, and careers.

Strategic Goal 2: Staff Effectiveness

All employees will excel daily in the performance of their roles to ensure our district thrives.

Strategic Goal 3: Stakeholder Engagement

We will build collective ownership and active engagement among all stakeholders to maximize students' overall learning experience.

Refer to the detailed Board of Education 2023-2028 Strategic Plan for measurable outcomes by category.

School Goals

- Increase the percentage of students scoring developing or above on all Milestone courses.
- Increase the percentage of students who are present 90% of their enrolled time from a baseline of 46% in FY25 to 51% in FY26.

Focus Areas

- Use literacy strategies to support Reading mastery on standardized assessments and across content areas using the methods of QARR (Question Answer Response Relationship) and Close Read (read the text carefully, identify themes and analyze connections).
- Track attendance goals, schedule data talks, and earn PBIS incentives and recognition.

Shared Responsibility for Success

What is this plan? A Parent and Family Engagement Plan is designed to provide a variety of opportunities and ways parents can be involved in their child's education. Westside welcomes and values input, support and involvement from our families. When the school and families work together, we develop the foundation for STUDENT SUCCESS.

How is it revised? Parents are invited to attend several meetings, focus groups and the annual Title I Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum to review and revise this plan, the family engagement budget, the School Compact and our Schoolwide Improvement Plan. These meetings are scheduled at convenient times. Feedback received will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask families for their suggestions on the plan and use of funds for family engagement.

Who is the plan for? Our plan is available for all students participating in the Title I program, and their families. They are encouraged and invited to fully participate in a decision making role, as appropriate, in the opportunities offered in this plan. Westside High School will provide an equal opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children. The Neglected and Delinquent Residential Facilities in the district are included in the parent and family engagement correspondence and activities.

Where will the plan be available? Our plan will be located on the school's website, in the front office, media center, and parent resource area. The plan also will be available at meetings and events.

School-Parent Compact

The School-Parent Compact was jointly developed by the teachers, parents and students. Our compact is an agreement between the school, parents and students stating what each party will do to ensure that all students are successful. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers. Copies will be posted online.

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN 2025-2026

Westside 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 family engagement programs, meetings, and other activities is timely and published in English and, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members understand. An interpreter is available upon request for school events and meetings.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis about school meetings and events by mail, flyers, phone calls, school messenger, school marquee, social media sites, such as X and Facebook, as appropriate.
- ✓ Conduct staff development, in consultation with parents, on effective family engagement practices and strategies for staff to work with families, as equal partners. Information and tips will be shared during regularly scheduled staff meetings, by email and/or handouts.
- ✓ Partner with our zone middle schools and colleges to coordinate and integrate family engagement activities to support the full participation of parents in their child's transition to high school and beyond.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and training for parents to work with their children to improve achievement through workshops and grade level meetings.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for family engagement activities through feedback forms and district surveys.
- ✓ We will submit feedback about any part of the schoolwide plan that is not satisfactory to student and school goals for academic achievement to the local Title I office.

Engagement Opportunities

We encourage our parents to participate and support these programs designed for student success:

Parent Meetings
Workshops
PTO
Volunteer Teams
School Council
Afterschool Tutoring

All volunteers are welcome at Westside High School. To volunteer, you must complete a volunteer packet located in the front office. If you would like to volunteer or want more information on how to get involved at Westside, please contact the front office or your child's teacher.

The following events will be presented to families to strengthen family engagement. Meetings are held at various times and dates.

- ◆ **July 2025 Open House.** Parents and family members have the opportunity to hear what's going on (clubs and sports offered), join PTO and visit their child's classroom.
- ◆ **August 2025 - Annual Title I Meeting.** Come hear about our Schoolwide Improvement Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan and School-Parent Compact. Learn about the benefits of the Title I program. Sign up for Parent Portal, the district's online grade book and attendance report.
- ◆ **September 2025 Grade Level Parent Meetings.** Designed to give families helpful resources to encourage students to excel in Math and English Literature using evidenced based strategies. Learn more about our high school curriculum, State standards, and the Georgia Milestones Assessment along with other Georgia Department of Education resources.
- ◆ **October 2025 and ongoing - Building Staff Capacity.** Principal, faculty and staff will meet to discuss and share information on how to build stronger ties between home and school.
- ◆ **October 2025 - STEM Night.** Fun filled hands on activities tied to Science, Math, and Engineering topics. Community partners will share strategies and engage with students and family.
- ◆ **November 2025 and April 2026 - Senior Night.** Come learn about graduation requirements, college and career resources, academic expectations to help your child transition successfully into future endeavors.
- ◆ **November 2025— Georgia Family Engagement Month/ National Parental Involvement Day—November 16th.** A celebration for the contribution of our parents.
- ◆ **October/November/December 2025 Annual Title I Parent Survey.** Share your feedback about the family engagement program and budget.
- ◆ **February 2026-Grade Level Parent Meetings.** Come hear how to guide your child on getting better grades and learn test-taking strategies for the End of Course exams.
- ◆ **February 2- March 13, 2026—Title I Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum.** A forum for parents to participate in roundtable discussions regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement plan, school-parent compact and family engagement budget.
- ◆ **April 2026 - Rising 9th Grade Transition Workshop.** Come join us for an informative workshop on *How to Get The Most Out of High School*.
- ◆ **Student-led Conferences—Ongoing.** Meet with students to review your child's academic progress on goals. Teacher conference upon request.