

Anita White Carson Middle School
Title I Family Engagement Plan
2025-2026
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The mission of Anita White Carson Middle School is to educate, inspire, challenge, and support students to become college and career ready. AWCMS understands that a strong partnership between the school and parents is vital to ensure the success of our students. Parents are invited to participate in annual Title I programs and input sessions. Parents receive surveys asking for their input of needs to be included in the school's engagement plan. This plan is published on the school district's website and available in the parent resource center. Parents can leave electronic or paper comments, which will be shared with district federal program's staff through digital or paper. We believe that teachers and parents share the responsibility for a child's success. Communication between home and school is vital to setting positive examples for our children. At AWCMS we stand by our vision: "Anita White Carson Middle School will become a high performing public school of choice where educators inspire, families engage, and all students thrive in a supportive community".

In order to guarantee student success, partnership among schools and parents is vital. Parents participate on committees such as Title I, and Cognia. We recognize that parents are their children's primary teachers, and their support is critical in our efforts to provide a quality education to the children at AWCMS. In order to maximize the success of our students the following items or events are planned to involve parents at CMS.

- **Title I Information to Parents:** Parents will receive an explanation to the Title I School- wide initiative and be informed of their school's participation under Title I. The jointly developed Parent-School-Teacher Compact includes the parent's responsibility for supporting their child's learning. This compact will describe academic responsibilities of the teacher, student, and parent. This is in order to build a strong partnership amongst all stakeholders as we support our students' academic growth. The Title 1 Meeting is tentatively scheduled between August 1st and September 30th.
- **Agenda Books:** Each student in grades 6-8 receives an agenda book to help with communication between school and home as well as parent communication folders.
- **School Website:** Our website provides a variety of information about school happenings and is updated regularly. It provides parents with access to teacher information for special notices, teacher assignments, instructional resources and educational web links. As needed announcements will be posted on the school website, Facebook, and X along with usage of the Black Board Calling System and School Status.

- **Grade Level Communication:** Each grade level communicates with parents utilizing a variety of methods: newsletters, phone calls and messages via School Status, and email.
- **Parent Survey:** Surveys are administered to parents throughout the school year to provide information to use in the school improvement plan, parent compact, Family Engagement Plan, and 1% of the allocated funds

In order to foster a positive relationship between parents and the schools, general meetings are conducted throughout the school year. Parents are surveyed on topics they would like to see addressed during meetings conducted throughout the school year. Meeting dates are offered at various times in order to meet scheduling needs. Childcare is available as the need arises. These informational meetings include:

- *Curriculum Night (GA Standards, Georgia Milestones, Academic resources)
- *Annual Open House
- *Annual Title 1 Meeting
- *Parent-Teacher Conferences
- *Title I Parent Workshops
- *Assessment Workshops

Anita White Carson Middle School will work with the high school and elementary schools in the county to help provide a smooth transition from one school to another. AWCMS will engage parents in the following types of activities to increase involvement and to support student learning:

- *Open House
- *Annual Title I Meetings
- *Parent Luncheons
- * Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
- *African American History Month Celebration
- *Student of the Month Celebration
- *Awards Programs
- * PBIS/House incentive activities
- *Various field trips
- *Parent Engagement Day
- *STEM Expos
- * No Place for Hate Committee
- *Red Ribbon Week Committee
- *Homecoming Week
- *Field Day Committee
- *STEM Committee
- *Media Committee
- *Spring Fling Committee
- *Sweetheart Ball Committee

Anita White Carson Middle School utilizes the district's communication system to communicate with parents throughout the school year. Blackboard Connect is an automated telephone messaging system that is also used to provide parents with announcements, meeting reminders, attendance, and other pertinent school information. As with all communication throughout the school and district this Family Engagement Plan is available in languages spoken by our stakeholders.

Parent Portal is used to increase parent involvement through a real-time preview of student information on grades, attendance, and discipline. To sign up for the parent portal, please contact the media specialist.