WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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What is Title I?

Westside High School is a Title I school under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I supports state and local efforts to meet challenging academic standards, strengthen instruction, and improve student achievement. Title I programs use effective strategies to support learning and family engagement. Schools jointly develop a written family engagement plan with parents and family members.

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 2025–2026 Strategic Plan for measurable outcomes by category.

School Goals

- *Westside High School will reduce the percentage of chronically absent students by 14% from 37.8% to 23.8% and achieve an average daily attendance of 95%.*
- *Westside High School will increase the percentage of students completing pathways in grades 9–12 to 90% by May 2027 (from 67.25% to 90%). (Advanced academics, CTAE, fine arts, world language).*
- *Westside High School will focus to increase the percentage of students (and each subgroup, for example, ALL, ED, SWD, EL, Gifted, etc.) performing at the proficient level or above by 10 percentage points in all (EOCT) End of Course tested areas to include Algebra Concepts & Connections 1 (from 18.26%to 29%), US History (from 12.74% to 23%), Biology (from 10.84% to 21%), and Literature and Composition II by 10%.*

Shared Responsibility for Success

What is this plan? This Parent and Family Engagement Plan describes opportunities for families to participate in their child's education and partner with the school to improve achievement. Westside values family input, support, and involvement. School and family collaboration strengthens student success.

How is it revised? Parents are invited to meetings, focus groups, and the annual Title I Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum to review this plan, the family engagement budget, the School-Parent Compact, and the Schoolwide Improvement Plan. Meetings are scheduled at convenient times. Family feedback informs revisions for the next school year. An annual survey gathers recommendations for improving family engagement.

Who is the plan for? All students participating in the Title I program and their families are encouraged to participate fully in decision-making and engagement opportunities. Westside provides equitable participation opportunities for families with limited English proficiency, families of students with disabilities, and families of migratory children. Neglected and Delinquent Residential Facilities in the district are included in correspondence and activities supporting family engagement.

Where will the plan be available? The plan is available on the school website, in the front office, media center, and parent resource area. Families will receive a copy, and the plan will be available at meetings and events.

School-Parent Compact

The School-Parent Compact was jointly developed by teachers, parents, and students. It outlines each partner's responsibilities for helping every student achieve academic success. The compact is reviewed and updated annually using feedback from parents, students, and teachers. Copies are sent to each student and posted online.

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN 2026–2027

Westside will implement the following measures to strengthen family partnerships and support student academic achievement. We will:

- ✓ Provide timely information about family engagement programs, meetings, and activities in English and, to the extent practicable, in a language families understand. Interpretation is available upon request for school events and meetings.
- ✓ Communicate regularly with families and the community through mail, flyers, telephone calls, the school messenger, school marquee, social media, and school events.
- ✓ Provide staff development, in consultation with parents, on effective family engagement and strategies for working with families as equal partners. Share guidance during staff meetings, by email, and through handouts.
- ✓ Partner with middle schools and colleges to coordinate family engagement activities that support transitions and participation in high school and beyond.
- ✓ Provide materials and training that help families support student achievement through workshops and grade-level meetings.
- ✓ Respond to requests for additional family engagement support using feedback forms and district surveys.
- ✓ Submit family feedback about any unsatisfactory aspect of the schoolwide plan and its academic achievement goals to the local Title I office.

Engagement Opportunities

Families are encouraged to participate in these programs supporting student success:

Parent Meetings
Student Led Conferences
Workshops
Volunteer Teams
School Council
Afterschool Tutoring
GEAR Up

All volunteers are welcome at Westside High School. Complete a volunteer packet available in the front office. To volunteer or learn how to get involved, contact the front office or your child's teacher.

The following events strengthen family engagement. Meetings are offered at various times and dates.

- ♦ ***August 2026 Open House/Annual Title I Meeting/Cohort Level Parent Meetings.*** Families learn about school activities, join PTO, and meet their child's classroom teachers.
- ♦ ***September 2026 Parent Workshops.*** Math Night, Literacy Night, Social Studies Night, and Science Night.
- ♦ ***September/October 2026 Ongoing Student-Led Conferences.*** Students review academic progress toward goals with their families. Teacher conferences are available upon request.
- ♦ ***October 2026 and Ongoing Building Staff Capacity.*** The principal, faculty, and staff discuss strategies for strengthening partnerships between home and school.
- ♦ ***November 2026 Georgia Family Engagement Month/National Parental Involvement Day November 16.*** Celebrate the contributions of parents.
- ♦ ***November 2026 Annual Title I Parent Survey.*** Share feedback about the family engagement program and budget.
- ♦ ***January/February 2027 Ongoing Student-Led Conferences.*** Students review academic progress toward goals with their families. Teacher conferences are available upon request.
- ♦ ***February 2027 STEM Night.*** Participate in hands-on science, math, and engineering activities. Community partners share strategies and engage with students and families. Facilitated by the CTAE engineering teacher and students.
- ♦ ***February 1–March 8, 2027 Title I Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum.*** Participate in roundtable discussions about the schoolwide plan, family engagement plan, School-Parent Compact, and family engagement budget.
- ♦ ***March/April 2027 Ongoing Student-Led Conferences.*** Students review academic progress toward goals with their families. Teacher conferences are available upon request.
- ♦ ***April 2027 Rising 9th Grade Transition Workshop.*** Join an informative workshop on How to Get the Most Out of High School.
- ♦ ***Student-Led Conferences Ongoing.*** Students review academic progress toward goals with their families. Teacher conferences are available upon request.