

**Georgia Department of Education**

**School Level Parental Involvement Policy**

***Schools, in consultation with parents, may use the sample template below as a framework for the information to be included in their parental involvement policy. Schools are not required to follow this sample template or framework, but if they establish the school’s expectations for parental involvement and include all of the components listed, then they will have incorporated the information that section 1118(b)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) requires for the school level parental involvement policy.***

***NOTE: Schools, in consultation with parents, are encouraged to include other relevant and agreed upon activities and actions, as well, that will support effective parental involvement and strengthen student academic achievement. If schools choose to use the following template, page 5 of this document provides additional space for schools to include these actions and additional activities in their school parental involvement policy. Additionally, schools are not required to use the parent comment form that is provided on page 5; however, this is provided as one method that schools can use to submit parent comments with the plan to the LEA as required by section 1118 (c)(5).***

*In support of strengthening student academic achievement, each school that receives Title I, Part A funds must develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents of participating children a written parental involvement policy, agreed on by such parents, that contains information required by section 1118 (b)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) (school parental involvement policy). The policy establishes the school’s expectations for parental involvement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parental involvement activities, and it is incorporated into the school’s plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).*

***W.H. Spencer High School Parent Policy***

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**What is Title I?**

**William H. Spencer High School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written Parental Involvement Policy.**

**School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

**What is it?**

The Parental Involvement Policy describes how W.H. Spencer High school will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. W.H. Spencer High school values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parental Involvement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

**How is it developed?**

W.H. Spencer High school welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the Parental Involvement Policy. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The Parental Involvement Policy is available for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. W.H. Spencer High school also distributes a Title I Annual Survey to ask parents for suggestions on the Parental Involvement Policy and the use of funds for parent involvement.

**Who is it for?**

All parents at W.H. Spencer High school are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the Parental Involvement Policy. W.H. Spencer High school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited access to the English language, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

**Where is it available?**

At the beginning of the year, the Parental Involvement Plan is included in the student handbook given out to all students. As a reminder, W.H. Spencer High school will send another copy to parents prior to the Title I Annual Open House. Parents can also receive a copy of the Parental Involvement Policy in the Parent Resource Room/Area, the front office of the school and on the school.

**Parent Involvement Program and Activities at William H. Spencer High School**

W.H. Spencer High school will host the following events, workshops, and activities to build parent capacity and increase student academic achievement.

**Annual Title I Parent & Family Engagement Night (August):**

Evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program including: Parental Involvement Policy, School Improvement Plan, Parent-School Compact, and the parents’ requirements. Invitations will be sent home, on the school’s website, on the marquee, and through Connect-Ed Message.

**ESOL Parent Workshop (August)**

**Title I Annual Open House (August):**

Come meet your child’s teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the school year.

**Common Core Workshop (October)**

Curriculum Review, Graduation Requirement

**Parent Involvement Policy/ Home School Meeting (September**)

**Home School Compact Meeting (September)**

**How to Monitor Your Child’s Progress (October)**

Parent Portal Access for grades, attendance and assignments

**Technology Workshop for Parents (October)**

**Parent Math Night/Day: (TBA)**

Learn how to make math fun at home

**Parent Literacy Night/Day (TBA)**

Learn how to make reading fun at home

**Special Education Workshop (February)**

**Georgia Milestones Test Workshop (March)**

**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Scheduled updates on your child’s progress

**Technology Fair: Tech Bytes**

Catch up with the latest resources to help support student learning

**Switching Tracks: Transitioning from Middle to High School (May)**

**High School to College (May)**

**Goals for Student Achievement**

**District Goal:**

**The percentage o students in grades 9th-12th, scoring Proficient Learner or Distinguished Learner in Math EOC will meet or exceed the state average as measured by Georgia Milestone Assessment (GMA) in the spring of 2018.**

**WH Spencer High School’s SMART Goal:**

*The percentage of \*Georgia Milestones Tests scoring meets and/or exceeds will increase 5 percentage points from the following scores by the end of the 2018 school year: 9th Grade Literature: 85% ; American Literature: 87%; Physical Science: 83%; Coordinate Algebra: 14%; Geometry: 12%; US History: 72.9%; and Economics: 45.8%.*

*2016-2017 The four year cohort graduation rates will increase from 54.1% to 66.1%*

**What is a School-Parent Compact?**

**As part of the Parental Involvement Policy, W.H. Spencer High School and our families will develop a School-Parent Compact. A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The School-Parent Compacts are kept in the Parent Resource Area/Room. A copy will also be kept with each child’s teacher if parents need a copy.**

**What is Parental Involvement?**

W.H. Spencer High school believes that parental Involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student achievement.

W.H. Spencer High school believes:

* Parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning
* Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education.
* Parents are full partners in their child’s education and included in the decision-making of their child’s education

**Assistance to Parents (Parent Liaison/FSC)**

Effective parental involvement will not be an occasional event, such as a parent conference; rather it will be an on-going process. W.H. Spencer High School is committed to helping our parents by maintaining a Parent Resource Area/Room for parents to check out materials to use at home with their child. Please contact the school at 706-683-8701 if you need assistance.

**School Measures to Provide Required Assistance**

W.H. Spencer High will take the following measures to promote and support parents in the following ways:

* Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities are published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school’s website, included in monthly newsletters, and posted on school’s marquee
* Conduct staff development twice a year on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents
* Share information in English and Spanish in the school’s newsletter and on the website for parents to understand the schools’ academic standards and assessment as well as ways parents can monitor their child’s progress.
* Communicate with all families on a regular basis regarding school events, workshops and activities, such as Connect-Ed, marquee, newsletters, flyers, and website.
* Provide materials at conferences, workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home
* Create and maintain a Parent Resource Area/Room to allow parents opportunities to check-out materials to assist them with helping their child at home.
* Listen to parents to provide workshops and training that meet the needs of the parents and support parental involvement at the school
* Collaborate with the community and Partners in Education to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.

**Parental Involvement Standards**

**W.H. Spencer High** School and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnership as the school’s model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

The National PTA Standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

W.H. Spencer High School invites all parents to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with the school, families, and community. Parents can share ideas and suggestions during all activities, workshops and events as well as through surveys. If you have any questions, please call W.H. Spencer High at 706-683-8701 or complete the form and leave in Main office.

**School Community Team**

* *Yes, I am excited about joining the School Community Team*
* *Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the School Community Team*
* *Yes, this sounds like a great Idea, please keep me posted about future meetings*

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**Parent Comments**

All parents at W.H. Spencer High school are invited to give suggestions, comments, and feedback if there is any part of the Parental Involvement Policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students’ and the school’s goals for academic achievement. Please send your comments, feedback or suggestions to Glenda Harris, our Parent Contact.

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