**School Information**

Waddell Elementary

Parental and Family Engagement Policy

2017-2018

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**What is Title I?**

Waddell is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). 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 parent and family engagement.

**School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

**What is it?**

The Parent and Family Engagement describes how Waddell Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Waddell Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parent and Family Engagement describes the different ways the school will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

**How is it developed?**

Waddell Elementary welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the Parent and Family Engagement. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The Parent and Family Engagement is available for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. Waddell Elementary also distributes a Title I Annual Survey to ask parents for suggestions on the Parent and Family Engagement and the use of funds for parent involvement.

**Who is it for?**

All parents at Waddell Elementary are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the Parent and Family Engagement. Waddell Elementary will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with Limited English, 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, Waddell Elementary will send another copy to parents prior to the Title I Annual Open House. Parents can also receive a copy of the Parent and Family Engagement in the Parent Resource Room/Area, the front office of the school and on the school’s website.

**Parent Involvement Program and Activities at Waddell Elementary**

Waddell Elementary will host the following events, workshops, and activities to build parent capacity and increase student academic achievement. All parents will be informed by: Sending invitations home, on the school’s website, on the marquee, and through Connect-Ed Message.

**Annual Title I Parent Meeting (August/September)**

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

**SIP, School-Parent Compact, and Parent Involvement Policy Review (August/September)**

**Smart Goal #1 Workshop (October)**

Review discipline data and establish a reward/recognition program.

**Smart Goal #2 Workshop (November)**

Enjoy an evening of fun building to help student process content.

**Let’s Jump to it! “Georgia Milestones” testing is right around the corner. (March)**

Parents will be given strategies on assisting their students with the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

**Academic Parent Workshop Session (March)**

Catch up with the latest resources and strategies to help support parents in student learning.

**Switching Tracks**: Transition activities for Pre-K to Kindergarten and Elementary to Middle School **(April /May)**

**Come and check out the resources and games in the Parent Resource Room Netbooks are available for parents to check out as well.**

**District Goals**

The Muscogee County School District will create an environment that focuses in Tier 1 instruction while targeting individual student needs, leadership development, and customer service.

**Waddell’s Goals**

**#1** By May 2018, 100% of staff will be trained in Tier 1 School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and at least 5 out of 10 critical elements will be developed to 80% as measured by the Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI) and Self-Assessment Survey (SAS).

**#2** By May 2018, 100% of Waddell’s faculty will be trained, and 85% will effectively use the strategy of clarifying, sharing, and understanding learningintentions and success criteria during their instruction in all content areas.

**Waddell Goals**

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

**As part of the Parental Involvement Policy, Waddell Elementary 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 Parent and Family Engagement?**

Waddell Elementary believes that parental Involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student achievement.

Waddell Elementary 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)**

Effective parental involvement will not be an occasional event, such as a parent conference; rather it will be an on-going process. Waddell Elementary is committed to helping our parents by maintaining a Parent Resource Area/Room to check out materials to use at home with their child. Please contact the school at 706-569-3722 if you need assistance.

**School Measures to Provide Required Assistance**

Waddell Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents in the following ways:

* Conduct staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents
* Partner with Head Start, Pre-K programs, daycares to share information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten.
* Share information in English and Spanish in the school’s newsletter and on the website for parents to understand the school’s 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.
* For all students who reside in residential facilities served by the Muscogee County School District parental involvement correspondence and activities information will be mailed to each facility where students reside.

**Parental Involvement Standards**

Waddell Elementaryand 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

**School Community Team**

Waddell Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with the school, families, and community. The team will meet once during the school year in the spring, but parents can share ideas and suggestions during all activities, workshops and events as well as through surveys. If you would like to learn more about the School Community team, please call the office at (706) 569-3722. You may also stop by the main office to complete the form.

**School Community Team**

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* *Yes, I am excited about joining the School Community Team*
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* *Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me*

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**Parent Comments**

All parents at Waddell Elementary are invited to give suggestions, comments, and feedback if there is any part of the Parent and Family Engagement 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 the school.

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