

**PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY
Waddell Elementary School
2018-2019**

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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 Smart Goals

Smart Goal #1 By May 2019, 100% of the staff will be trained in Tier I School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions & 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).

Smart Goal #2 By May 2019, 100% of Waddell's faculty will be trained, and 85% will effectively use the strategy of clarifying, sharing, and understanding Learning Intentions and Success Criteria during their instruction in all content areas.

WHAT IS TITLE I?

Waddell Elementary 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.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

What is it?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy 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 a partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy 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 Policy. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy 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 Policy 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 Policy. 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?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be sent home with each student and is also available in the Parent Resource room and on the school's website.



Title I Parent Involvement



Parent & Family Engagement Opportunities

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: flyer invitations, the school's website, the marquee and through Connect-Ed messaging.

Title 1 Annual Parent Meeting

Learn about our Title I program including: PBIS Parent Kick-off, Parent Rights, Parent and Family Engagement Policy and opportunities, School Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and Parent Involvement Policy Review.

Open House

Meet your child's teachers, join PTA, find opportunities on how to get involved, complete surveys, and give feedback on the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact.

Smart Goal #1 & 2 Workshop

Review discipline data, establish a reward/recognition program, study habits & test preparation. Enjoy an evening of fun building to help students' process content. Parent survey completion and connecting parents with digital resources.

Academic Parent Workshops

Provide parents with valuable information about nutrition, test ready strategies, academics and curriculum.

Georgia Milestones Assessment Workshops

Receive an overview of the state testing which measures how well students learn the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards while gaining knowledge on improving test scores.

Transition Workshops

Provide activities and information for incoming kindergartners and 5th graders going to middle school.

Parent Resource Room/Area

Check out and/or receive materials from the Parent Resource Room

Assistance to Parents

Please contact the school @ Phone: 706-569-3722

School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

Waddell Elementary 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, Connect-Ed, flyers, and posted on the school's marquee.
- 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 & 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.
- Provide materials at conferences, workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home.
- Create and maintain a Parent Resource room/area to allow parents opportunities to check-out materials to assist them with helping their child at home.
- Provide workshops and trainings 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 will be mailed to each facility where students reside.

