

Wesley Heights Elementary

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Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2017-2018

What is it?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how Wesley Heights Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Wesley Heights 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 Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

How is it developed?

Wesley Heights 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. Wesley Heights 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 engagement.

Who is it for?

All parents at Wesley Heights Elementary are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Wesley Heights 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, the front office of the school and on the school's website.

What is Title I?

Wesley Heights 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.

District Goals

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

School Goals

Goal #1 – By May 2018, 100% of teachers will be trained on the eight (8) PBIS evidence-based classroom practices and at least 80% will be utilizing all eight (8) strategies evidenced by data collection “snap shot” tools & walkthroughs.

Goal #2 - 100% of teachers will be trained in thinking maps and the R.A.C.E.R strategy and implement these evidence based strategies to increase student achievement and 80% of teachers will implement these strategies with effectiveness.

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What is a School-Parent Compact?

As part of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, Wesley Heights and our families will develop a School-Parent Compact. A School-Parent Compact is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents, students and teachers will work toward mastery of grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Activities at Wesley Heights Elementary

Annual Title I Parent Night

Learn about our Title I program including: Parental Involvement Policy, School Improvement Plan, Parent-School Compact, and the parents' requirements

Georgia Milestones Assessment

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

Smart Goal Workshops

Obtain information on Smart Goals for the School Improvement Plan

Parent Academic Workshop

Provide and share available resources to parents to support student learning

Technology Talk

Stay abreast of student's school progress via Parent Portal and learn the latest resources to help support student learning

Moving on UP!

Transitioning to the next grade and middle school

School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

- 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, Connect-Ed, flyers, and posted on school's marquee.
- Conduct staff development on parent engagement 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 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.
- Provide materials at conferences, workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home.
- Create and maintain a Parent Resource 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 parent and Family Engagement at the school.
- Collaborate with the community and Partners in Education to increase participation and awareness of the school parent engagement plan and activities.

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