

**Northwest Elementary School  
Parent and Family Engagement  
Policy for Shared Student Success  
2020-2021 School Year**



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**School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

**What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Northwest Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Northwest Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Northwest Elementary will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

**How is it revised?**

Northwest Elementary School invited all parents to attend meetings to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy. Northwest Elementary School welcomes **all** parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback received during the school year will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We provide an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year. Revision meetings are held in the mornings and the evenings.

**Who is it for?**

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Northwest Elementary will provide full opportunity 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 plan is provided to all students. Parents can retrieve a copy of the plan in the office and on the school website. A Title I information table is made available at each family event with a copy of all Title I information.

**What is Title I?**

Northwest Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written engagement policy.



**2020-2021 District Goals**

- K-12 students will meet or exceed grade-level reading goals each academic year.
- Decrease the percentage of students missing six days or more from 44% in 2016 to 40% by 2022.

**2020-2021 School Goals**

- Northwest will strengthen classroom instruction - measured by decreasing the percentage of students performing at Level 1 by 10% annually on the Georgia Milestones in ELA and math.
- Northwest will strengthen data analysis by developing a common data analysis framework.

**School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Northwest Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the spring. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if a parent needs another copy.

**Let's Get Together!**

Northwest Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement

**Annual Title 1 Roundtable Discussion – not held due to school closure**

- Parents are invited to attend to learn about our Title 1 program. Items discussed will include our parent and family engagement policy, our school plan, the school- parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Information about the meeting will be posted on our school website and social media.

**Orientation/Back to School – September 3, 2020**

- Students and Parents will meet their teacher virtually and learn about student expectations

**Virtual Parent Nights TBA**

- Each grade level host virtual parent conferences/family nights to keep parents informed.

**Read Across America Week -March 2, 2021**

- Students will enjoy a day of reading. Special guest readers and literacy activities will be included in the day. This event may be help virtually.

**Kindergarten Registration for 2021-2022 School Year- March 2021-exact date TBA**

- Upcoming Kindergarten students will register at Northwest or virtually for the upcoming school year. A training will be provided to parents of kindergarten students on kindergarten expectations.

**Annual Title I Forum- May 2021**

- A list of dates will be advertised on our website and Facebook Page for parents and family members to participate in discussions regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget. This will be a virtual event.

**Parental Involvement**

Northwest Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning;
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school;
- That parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Northwest Elementary Family Nights are scheduled after work for most parents and provide activities for family participation. Northwest is committed in helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call if you have any questions.  
Jane Paxton (706) 517-2438 or [jane.paxton@murray.k12.ga.us](mailto:jane.paxton@murray.k12.ga.us)

**Northwest Elementary is Reaching Out!**

Northwest Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will –

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published, and posted on the school website and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Conduct trainings for staff on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and Murray County Pre-school to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school’s academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child’s progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, with text messages from School Way, Social Media, newspaper articles and flyers. The school sign advertises upcoming events.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child’s achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parent and family engagement policy and activities.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parent and family members at all events, place input cards around the building to respond to parents’ requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

**Parent Involvement Standards**

Northwest Elementary and our parents have adopted the following National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school’s model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These 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

**Parent Input Welcome**

Northwest Elementary invites all parents to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. Parents can submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. You can also submit ideas to Mr. Roger Rainey, Principal at 706-695-2262. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lois Higdon (ADDitions Coordinator) at 706-695-2262.



**Share Your Thoughts**

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students’ and the school’s goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Media Center:

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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