

**West Fannin Elementary
School Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

**West Fannin Elementary School
Parent and Family Engagement Plan
and Plan for Shared Student Success**

2021-2022 School Year



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What is Title I?

West Fannin 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 challenging state academic standards in order 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 parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how West Fannin Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. West Fannin Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that West Fannin 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 developed? West Fannin Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parents were invited to provide input to review and revise this family engagement policy. A Google Form was made available for input via Class Dojo, Facebook and our web page. Additionally, there is a comment section on the last page of this plan where you may provide input at any time. The plan is also posted on our school website. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We will also distribute a survey in August to ask parents for their suggestions on the use of funds for family engagement. All parents are encouraged to attend School Governance Team and PTO/Parent Advisory meetings to give feedback during the school year.

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. West Fannin Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available? The plan is available on our web-site and parents can retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Room. In addition, we will post links to access the plan on Facebook and Class Dojo at in September 2021.

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2020-21 District Goals

(Targets will be revised summer of 21)

In 2020-21, students taking the Milestones ELA assessments will meet or exceed the 3% achievement improvement targets.

Elementary:	current 68.80	Target 69.92
Middle School:	current 64.23	Target 65.23
High School:	current 80.03	Target 80.63

In 2020-21, students taking the Milestones Math assessments will meet or exceed the 3% achievement improvement targets.

Elementary:	current 61.44	Target 62.59
Middle School:	current 70.93	Target 71.80
High School:	current 78.57	Target 79.21

2021-22 School Goals

- **To more effectively address the needs of the whole child – including students’ physical, emotional, social, and educational needs.**
- **To strengthen Tier 1 instruction (reading and math) for all students.**
- **To improve literacy skills in all grade levels.**

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, West Fannin and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and our school 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. The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences. Additional copies can be obtained from the Parent Resource Room.

Upcoming Events

Let’s Get Together!

West Fannin Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and community to improve student academic achievement. We are always trying to find new ways to encourage parent involvement and will strive to bring you additional events throughout the school year. We encourage all parents to attend!

Open House and Curriculum Night – Thursday, July 29, 2021

- ✓ Meet your child’s teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.
- ✓ Parents will meet with their student’s teachers and learn about expectations, content and curriculum.

Annual Title I Night – Thursday, July 29, 2021

- ✓ Learn more about Title I including laws, finances, and parent involvement.

Parent Power in a Half Hour – one per semester PreK – 5th

- ✓ Opportunity for parents to learn strategies at home to help their child in reading, writing, and math.

Lunch n Learn – one per grade level or as needed

- ✓ Gain knowledge about topics relevant to foster the “Whole Child”.

Family Math and Movie Night – December/January

- ✓ Learn how to help your child with math skills while making math fun and see a movie together!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

- ✓ Scheduled updates on your child’s progress

Parent and Family Engagement Survey – January 2022

- ✓ Provide valuable feedback regarding parent involvement, communication, and academics.

Family Literacy and Educational Night – March 2022

- ✓ Enjoy a fun filled family night centered on various subjects including Literacy.

Tour Day – May 2022

- ✓ Special day where new Kindergarten students and parents learn more about West Fannin.

PTO and Parent Advisory Group – We meet every other month on the last Tuesday at 8:00 starting in August

- ✓ We encourage participation in our PTO/Parent Advisory. We value your input!

Parent and Family Appreciation – May 2022

- ✓ A celebration of family engagement and the recognition of its impact on school and student success.

Input for Stakeholders/Parent Meeting – May 2022

- ✓ Stakeholders are invited and encouraged to participate in our annual review of our school improvement plan and the parent and family engagement policy. School Improvement team, School Governance Team, PTO Executive Committee, and parents will review, discuss, and revise improvement plans.

West Fannin’s YouTube Channel

- ✓ Our Parent Tutorial Playlist offers a wide variety of videos and trainings.

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Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center. We have books, pamphlets, study materials and activities to use at home.

Computers, iPads, printers and a scanner are available for parents!

Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

(or schedule a time that works better for you)

Parent and Family Engagement

West Fannin Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members 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.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- 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.

SUPPORT

West Fannin Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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West Fannin is Branching Out!

West Fannin Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order 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 sent home on upcoming events and weekly grade level newsletters for all parents. As well as, ShoutPoint telephone contact, Class Dojo, Facebook, and the use of our school marquee (as needed).
- ✓ Use various surveys to gather data to increase family engagement which will help us to provide meaningful trainings and assist parents in the academic needs of students.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish (as needed) in grade level newsletters 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 our local Preschool programs by presenting information to upcoming parents, hosting a tour day.
- ✓ Build staff capacity by providing trainings for staff on strategies to improve communication with parents, increase parent involvement, and support learning.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and STEM to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Offer parent classes to help further enhance their ability to support learning at home.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



Student Achievement



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**Parent and Family
Engagement Standards**

West Fannin and our parents have adopted the National PTO 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

The Fannin County School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, creed or disability in admission to its programs, services, and activities in access to them, in treatment of individuals or in any aspect of operations.

This also includes but not be limited to additions, modifications, or alterations to the physical plan of any school facility.

PTO combined with Parent Advisory Group

West Fannin Elementary invites all parents to join the PTO/Parent Advisory Group to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet at 8:00 a.m. every other month beginning in August. If you would like to learn more about the PTO/Parent Advisory Group, please contact the Parent Liaison, Shannon Cioffi at 706-492-3644 or scioffi@fannin.k12.ga.us

- Yes, I am excited about joining PTO and PAG.
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more.
- Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

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 Parent Resource Room or the Main Office:

Name (Optional): _____ Telephone Number (Optional): _____

