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Family Engagement Plan

2023-2024



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WHAT IS TITLE I?

WHITEHEAD RD. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS IDENTIFIED AS A TITLE I SCHOOL AS PART OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965 (ESEA). TITLE I IS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT STATE AND LOCAL SCHOOL REFORM EFFORTS TIED TO CHALLENGING STATE ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND REINFORCE AND ENHANCE EFFORTS 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 PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT. ALL TITLE I SCHOOLS MUST JOINTLY DEVELOP WITH ALL PARENTS A WRITTEN PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY.



WHITEHEAD ROAD ELEMENTARY FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN



What is it?

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

How is it revised?

Whitehead Road invited all families to attend our annual Family Engagement Planning Meeting last spring to review and revise this Family Engagement Plan, as well as the School Growth Plan, our School-Parent Compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, family input and comments from regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. You may call Jennifer Striepe at (706)548-7296 or email her at striepej@clarke.k12.ga.us. The plan is posted on our school website for families to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All family feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also review information collected via an annual online survey to ask families for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family involvement. Families can also give feedback during several family meetings and activities during the school year including our Annual Title I Meeting.

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. Whitehead Road will provide full opportunity for the participation of families with limited English, families with disabilities and families with migratory children.

Where is it available?

The Family Engagement Plan will be distributed to families in October after Parent-Teacher Conferences. The plan will also be posted on the school website. Families can also view a copy of the plan by requesting an additional copy from the Front Office.



School-Family Compact

DISTRICT GOALS

- CONNECTED CULTURE - IMPROVE DISTRICT SYSTEMS FOR CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY.
- OPTIMIZED TALENT - ALIGN PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES WITH INSTRUCTIONAL PRIORITIES.
- THRIVING STUDENTS - CREATE CAREER- CONNECTED LEARNING AND AWARENESS IN GRADES K-8.

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WRES GOALS

- TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF BLACK STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5 WHO SCORE PROFICIENT OR DISTINGUISHED IN ELA AS MEASURED BY GMAS FROM 28% TO 33% (3-5) AND I-READY FROM 39% TO 46%.
- TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF BLACK STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5 SCORING ON OR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL IN MATHEMATICS AS MEASURED BY I-READY FROM 40% TO 57% AND GMAS FROM 36% TO 42%.

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and included in the weekly school newsletter for all parents.
- Provide training to educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principal and other staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
 - Partner with Head Start and Early Reading programs by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
 - Share information in English and Spanish on Class Dojo and 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, through phone messages, social media, and fliers.
 - Work with our parents to build the school's parents' capacity for strong parental involvement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts 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 School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- Offer literacy and the use of technology classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels. Provide materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Collect feedback from parents at events, place input card in the parent resource center for parents to leave feedback to better our parent communication and meet the needs of parents and students.
 - For 2023-2024, the 1% will be equally distributed among all Title I Schoolwide Programs to partially fund a Family Engagement Specialist, Family Engagement Activities or materials and resources for parents to use at home with their children.

Whitehead Road LSGT

Whitehead Road Elementary invites all families to share with the Local School Governance Team, ideas and ways to involve other families in building partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet at least four times during the school year, but families can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as leaving a written suggestion with our Family Engagement Specialists.



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LSGT Members

April Braswell-	Principal & Co-Chair
Eddie Brownstone-	Parent & Co-Chair
Reda Elder-	Community Member
Christine Buice-	Community Member
Washonda Foote-	Teacher/Staff
Mudiwa Smith-	Teacher/Staff
Susie McNulty-	Teacher/Staff
Ashaunte Bailey-	Parent/Guardian
Christelle Duncan-	Parent/Guardian

The Local School Governance Team (LSGTeam) is a group of active school advocates that includes administrators, teachers, parents/guardians, and community members. The LSGTeam focuses on making decisions and recommendations that are in the best interest of students, families, and communities. The LSGTeam focuses on School Improvement Planning; Curriculum & Instruction; School Operations; Personnel; and School Budget. The LSGTeam is co-led by the Principal and an elected parent or community member. Please contact a Co-Chair to find out information about the LSGTeam, future meetings, or how you can get more involved.