



Worth County High School
Annual Title I Parent Meeting



Worth County Schools (WCSS) Purpose Statement

To ensure a quality education for all students leading to graduation and productive citizenship.

Purpose of Annual Title I Meeting

- The *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965* requires that each Title I School hold an annual meeting for parents with the purpose of:
 - Informing you of your school's participation in Title I
 - Explaining the requirements of Title I
 - Explaining your rights as parents to be involved

Questions We Will Answer:

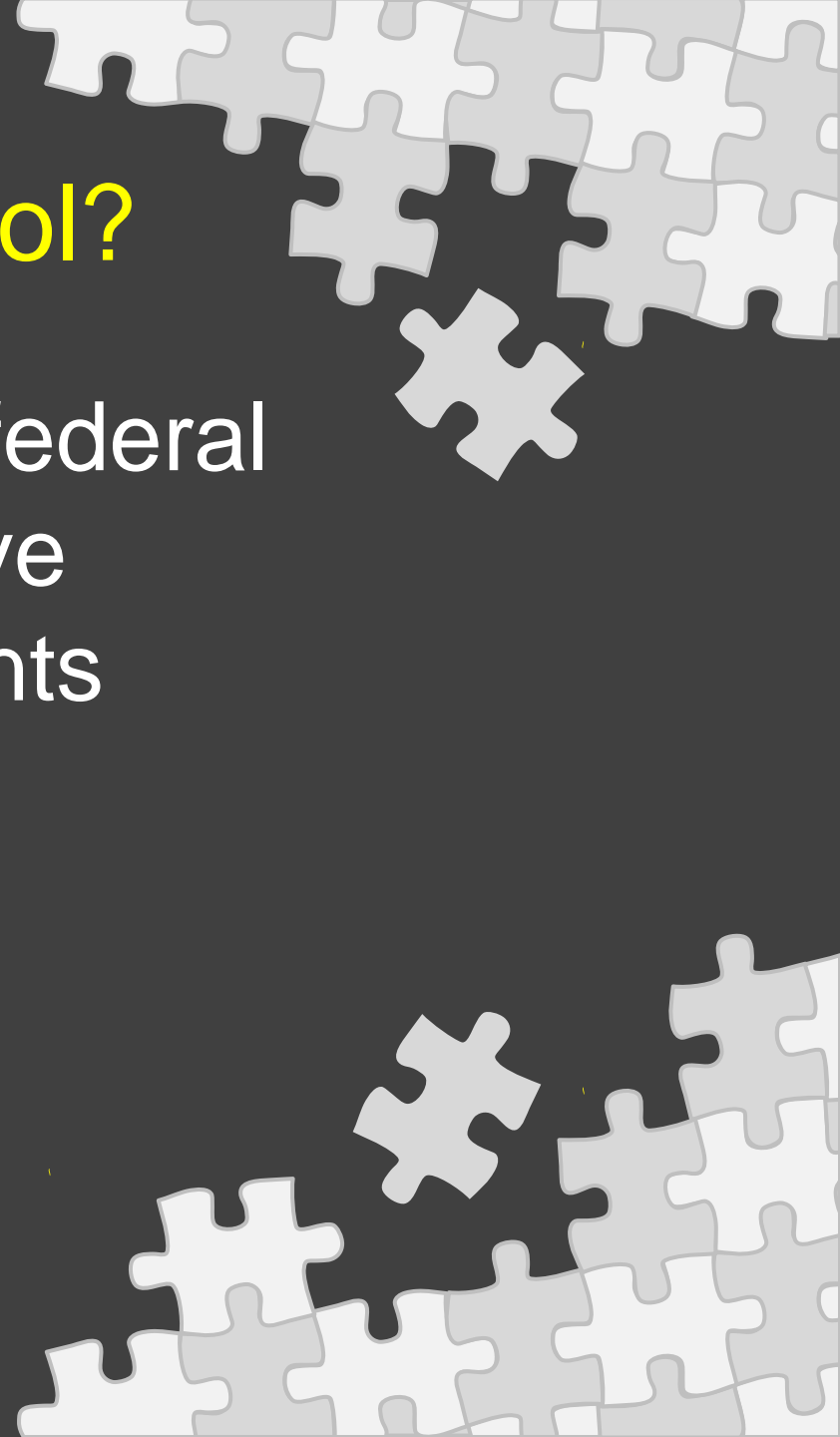
- What does it mean to be a Title I school?
- How does our school spend Title I monies?
- How does our school participate in the Title I program?
- What is our school's designation status on the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI)?
- What curriculum does our school follow?

Questions We Will Answer:

- What tests will my student take?
- What is required by law for parent involvement?
- How do I request the qualifications of my student's teacher(s)?
- How is Title I Parent Involvement money spent?
- What opportunities do I have to volunteer at WCHS?

What is a Title I School?

A school that accepts federal grant monies to improve education for all students



How does WCHS spend Title I funds?

- To pay for additional teachers and/or paraprofessionals
- Salary for School Improvement Specialist
- Salary for Parent Involvement Coordinator
- To facilitate smaller class sizes
- To fund training on a variety of teaching methods
- To offset costs for certain instructional materials
- To offer various Parent Involvement opportunities

What are our school's Title I schoolwide requirements?

A school-wide plan for improvement is developed using data from an annual Needs Assessment survey.

The plan must:

- Improve teaching and learning throughout the school
- Be developed in consultation with the local educational agency (LEA) and school support team
- Describe how the school will use Title I resources
- Describe how the needs assessment was conducted, the development of the plan, and evaluation

CCRPI Designation Status

WCHS has been designated a Title I Reward School within the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI).

The designations are:

- **Reward School** – top 5% of all Title 1 schools based upon student achievement
- **Priority School** – lowest 5 %
- **Focus School** – large gap b/t highest and lowest achieving subgroups

WCHS Schoolwide Goals

1. Improve the overall student performance on all GA Milestones EOC assessments
2. Close the achievement gap among all subgroups on the GA Milestones EOC assessments
3. Increase attendance rates of staff and teachers
4. Growth in SLOs from pre- to post-assessments

Student Support Programs

Intervention strategies include:

Attendance repair

Credit repair

Credit recovery

Math Support courses

Evening school

Summer School

Tutoring



Our Curriculum



- **Georgia Performance Standards (GPS)**
 - “The performance standards isolate and identify the skills needed to use the knowledge and skills to problem-solve, reason, communicate, and make connections with other information. They also tell the teacher how to assess the extent to which the student knows the material or can manipulate and apply the information.”
- **Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE)**
 - On February 19, 2015, the State Board of Education (SBOE) voted to rename the ELA and Mathematics standards to the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE). The recently revised and SBOE approved ELA and Mathematics standards for implementation beginning for the 2015-2016 school year will be called the ELA and Mathematics Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE).

Assessments



- **Georgia Milestones End of Course (EOC) Assessments**
 - 9th Literature, American Literature, Biology, Physical Science, United States History, Economics, Algebra I, Geometry
- **Student Learning Objective (SLO) Assessments**
 - Spanish I, World History, Health, Weight Training, Chemistry, Intermediate Band I, Visual Arts, Basic Ag, Intro to Business Tech, Audio, Film, Video I, Healthcare Science, Early Childhood Ed, Nutritional Wellness, Industrial Fundamentals and Occupational Safety, JROTC I, Pre-Calculus
 - Pre/Post-test format; Measure of growth over time

What is the school district's Parent Involvement Policy?

The school District Parent Involvement Policy describes how the district will carry out Parent Involvement requirements.

School District's Parent Involvement Policy

Requirements:

- Involve parents in the joint development of the policy.
- Provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
- Build the schools' and parents' capacity.
- Conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools.
- Involve parents in the activities of the schools.
- A hard copy is available upon request.

What is the school's Parent Involvement Policy?

The Parent Involvement Policy describes how the school will carry out the parent involvement requirements of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

School Parent Involvement Policy

Requirements:

- Provide timely information about Title I programs to parents.
- Explain the curriculum, assessments, and minimum standards that students are required to meet.
- Offer a flexible number of meeting dates and times.
- Involve parents in the decisions about how Title I funds reserved for parent involvement are spent.
- Provide information to families in a format they understand.
- Show evidence of continuous communication between the school, families, students and community.

School Parent Involvement Policy

Requirements: (cont'd)

- Provide trainings to staff and parents on subjects that address the needs of students and parents to support parent involvement.
- Jointly conduct an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the school's Parent Involvement Policy.
- Continuously monitor and evaluate the strategies of the Parent Involvement Policy.
- Use the findings of the annual evaluation to design and revise strategies for more effective parent involvement.
- A hard copy is available upon request.

What is a Compact?

A compact is an agreement created jointly by the school, parents, and students and is designed to help all students successfully meet school goals.



Compact (cont'd)

- The compact outlines responsibilities for students, parents, and school staff in striving to raise student achievement.
- Compacts are revised, reviewed and signed each year by parents, students, teachers and administrators.
- Compacts will be distributed to all students through their 1st period teacher. In which, should be signed and returned to their 1st period teacher.
- If you do not receive a school compact please contact the parent coordinator.

Parents Right To Know



Parents may request information about the professional qualifications of their students' teacher(s).

- Whether the teacher has met the Georgia Professional standards Commission requirements for certification for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which Georgia qualifications or certificate criteria have been waived;

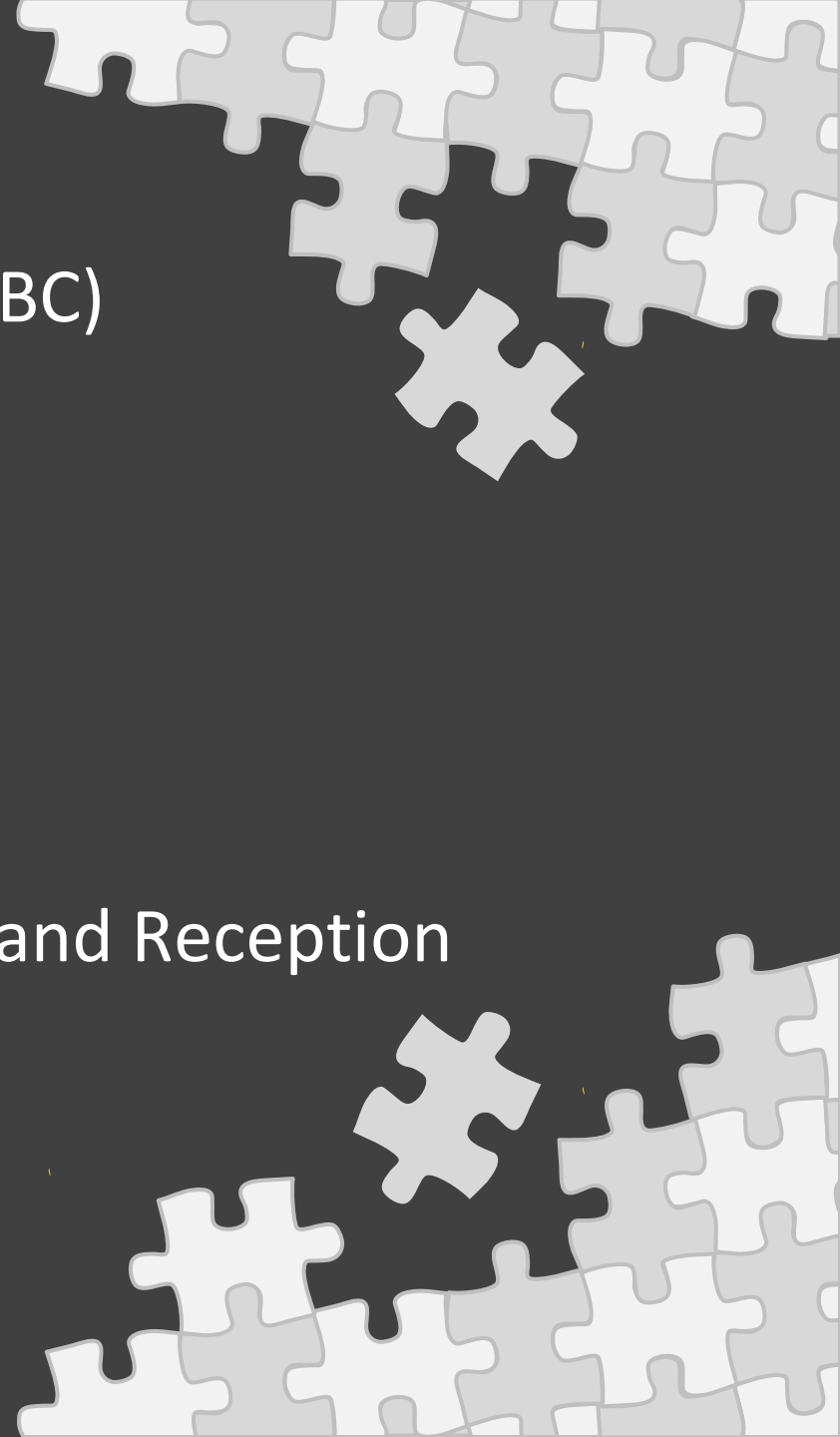


Parents Right To Know (cont'd)

- The college major and any graduate certification or degree held by the teacher;
- Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.


Opportunities for Parent Involvement

- Achievement Booster Club (ABC)
- School Council
- Blood Drives
- Drive One 4 UR School
- Homecoming events
- Prom
- Partners In Education
- Academic Awards Ceremony and Reception
- Honors Night Program
- Athletic Booster Clubs
- CTAE Advisory Council



Opportunities for Parent Involvement (cont'd)

- JROTC Banquet
- Volunteering
- School fundraisers
- Academic Bowl
- Career fair
- 9th grade "promise to graduate" pinning ceremony
- Science Fair
- Revising/Creating School Compact
- Revising/Creating Parent Involvement Policy
- Revise/Creating of School Improvement Plan



How responsive will the school be
to my questions when staff is
contacted?

If you have any questions or concerns
about Title I at WCHS, please feel free to
contact us!

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Final Thoughts

I would like to know more about...

