

**Worth County Achievement Center
Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2018-2019 School Year**

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What is Title I?

WCAC is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) and Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in 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 parent involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Worth County Achievement Center (WCAC) will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. WCAC values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish and equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that WCAC will support parent 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?

WCAC invited all parents in the spring to the development of the schoolwide plan, the policy and the parent-school compact. Parents were given copies of the policy for review at the grade level meetings, and the compact revision meetings. Surveys were given in the spring and results from the survey were also used to develop this policy.

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. WCAC will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents whose primary language is not English, parents of students with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the policy is distributed to all parents. Policies are made available to all parents in the Main Office, the Media Center, and the Parent Resource Room. The plan will also be posted on the school website. Parents may request a hard copy at any time.

2018-2019 District Goals

The purpose of the Worth County School District is to: ensure a quality education for all students leading to graduation and productive citizenship.

2018-2019 School Goals

Increase the percentage of **all** students who score Proficient or Distinguished on the Algebra I EOC by the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Increase the percentage of **all** students who score Proficient or Distinguished on the Physical Science EOC by the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Increase the percentage of **all** students who score Developing Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones English Language Arts EOG from by the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, WCAC 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 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. The school-parent compacts are sent home with students for on-going use of the goals and strategies jointly established.

Let's Get Together!!

Worth County Achievement Center will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents will be offered at various times for parents.

Annual Title I Meeting - August 2018-October 2018

- We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the Title I Schoolwide Plan, the School-Parent Compact and parents' requirement. Invitations will be posted in the school newsletter, school marquee and website.

Open House – August 2018

Parent-Teacher Conferences - August 2018 & May 2019 [ongoing as needed]

- Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

School-Parent Compact Revisions – April 2019

- Parents are invited to revise the annual school-parent compact.

Transition Activities – April/May 2019

- Worth County Achievement Center parents are invited to a parent night at WCAC to discuss upcoming fall transition for rising 6-12th grade students.

Parent Math Night – Fall 2018

College Night Talk – Winter 2018

- Parents will receive technology training on Parent Portal & digital technology
- #### **Comprehensive LEA Implementation Plan (CLIP) Meeting & FY19 Title I Schoolwide Plan – Spring 2019**

School-wide Plan Revision Meeting

Parent and Family Engagement Office

Parents are invited to visit the Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator's office. There are various resources to assist parents in helping their child at home.

Parent and Family Engagement

Worth County Achievement Center believes that parental involvement 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.

Worth County Achievement Center is committed to helping parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with transportation to participate in our program.

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Worth County Achievement Center Is Branching Out!!

Worth County Achievement Center will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our goals. **We will:**

- Provide assistance to parents of students served by the school and local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the State's academic content standards and State student academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a student's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their child(ren).
- Provide necessary materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy, science and math training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement;
- Educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinator parent programs and build ties between parents and the school;
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to parents of participating children in a format, to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand; and
- Provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request.
- Use our Partners in Education and Family Connections Organization to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events, post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' request for additional support for parental involvement activities.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Worth County Achievement Center and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

Welcoming All Families

- ***Communicating Effectively***
- ***Supporting Student Success***
- ***Speaking Up for Every Child***
- ***Sharing Power***
- ***Collaborating with Community***

Parent and Family Engagement Committee

Worth County Achievement Center invites all parents to join the Parent and Family Engagement Committee to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The committee will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas and suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Parent and Family Engagement Committee please contact the Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator, Alicia Hill at (229) 463-3056

Parent and Family Engagement Committee

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Parent and Family Engagement Committee.
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the Parent and Family Engagement Committee.
- Please send me notifications about future meeting and updates.

Name: _____

Student's Name & 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 plan 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 below and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Phone Number: (optional) _____
