

# West Laurens High School

## *Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan*



*2019-2020 School Year*

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## School Plan for Shared Student Achievement



### What is it?

This is a plan that describes how West Laurens High will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. West Laurens High 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 Laurens High 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.

### Who is it for?

All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. West Laurens High will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, in N&D residential facilities in the school attendance area, of foster students, and of migratory children that will allow them the opportunity to fully participate as well.

### Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is sent home with all students who attend West Laurens High School. The plan will also be posted on the school website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the front office.

## *2019-2020 District Goals*

Goal 1: To increase the number of students by 10% who are reading on grade level based on the GMAS.

Goal 2: To increase the percentage of students in subgroups scoring at level 3 on the Georgia Milestones test by at least 3%.

## *2019-2020 School Goals*

Goal 1: Improve Family and Community Engagement

Goal 2: Improve Technology Use – School Wide

Goal 3: Improve Student Achievement

Goal 4: Improve Collaborative Practices

## **Let's Get Together!**

West Laurens High School 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. Meeting will be scheduled at various times and in different formats throughout the year.

### ***Open House***

Meet your student's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

### ***Grade Level Parent Nights***

Parents can meet with their student's teacher to discuss achievement and classroom performance. Special information targeted to specific grade levels will also be presented at these meetings.

### ***Dual Enrollment Night***

The opportunity to inform parents of the opportunities for students to participate in Dual Enrollment classes at local colleges

### ***FASFA Workshop***

This workshop's target audience is graduating Seniors and their families. It will help parents navigate the tricky task of applying for financial aid to attend colleges and universities.

### ***Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Parent Night***

This meeting is designed to help rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders transition to the high school level. There will be information concerning course and graduation requirements that new high school students need to know. Extracurricular activities such as sports and clubs will also be presented, so that students get a sense of how important a well-rounded educational experience is.



### Parent Resources

Parents needing help or information concerning any aspect of their student's high school experience should contact the West Laurens High School office. The front office staff will direct the parents to the person(s) that will be the most helpful to the situation.

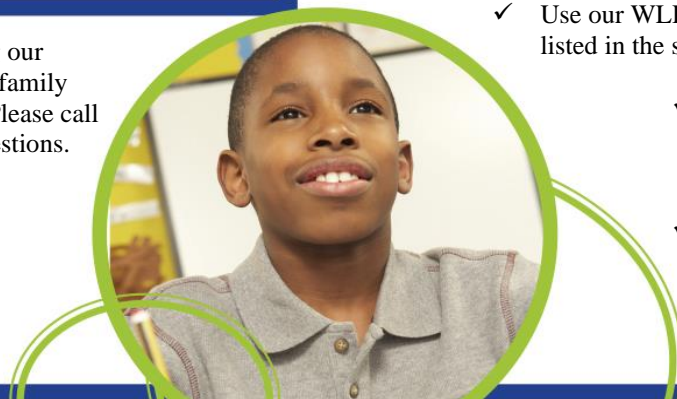
### Parent and Family Engagement

WLHS 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.
- 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.

WLHS is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you have any questions.

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## West Laurens High School Promise

WLHS 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 posted on the school website for all families.
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff during Professional Learning Communities on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom.
- ✓ Partner with PreK programs, West Laurens Middle School, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information in English and other languages 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 schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ 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 WLHS School Council to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events using feedback cards in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.
- ✓ Language translation of materials and documents shared with parents/guardians at WLHS will be made available upon request.



## Parent and Family Engagement Standards

WLHS the following standards to ensure that our parents and families feel welcome when visiting the school:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community



## Notification Request

Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Main Office:

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

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

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