

**West Laurens High School**  
*Parent and Family Engagement Plan*  
*2020–2021 School Year*



*Dr. Dewana Kemp, Principal*  
*3692 HWY 257*  
*Dexter, GA 31019*  
*(478) 875-1000*

<http://www.wlhs.lcboe.net>

*Plan Revised: September 4, 2020*

**School Plan for**  
**Shared Student Achievement**



**What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how WLHS will provide opportunities to improve family engagement in order to support student learning. WLHS values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members for establishing an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes different ways that WLHS will support family engagement. It also provides information on ways parents can plan and participate in activities/events that promote student learning at school and at home.

**How is it revised?**

WLHS solicits input regarding the plan from teachers, students, and parents alike. All feedback is considered when revising the plan for the following school year. The plan is posted on our school website for students and parents to view and to provide feedback on throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and provide printed surveys asking parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during our Annual Spring Title 1 Meeting.

**Who is it for?**

All students and their families are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. WLHS provides necessary resources for parents and family members with limited English, disabilities, and migratory children that will allow them the opportunity to fully participate as well.

**Where is it available?**

Parents and family members can retrieve a copy from the school website or email a teacher to request a copy. Please feel free to call the school as well.



## 2020-21 LCBOE District Goals

Laurens County School System has set the following goals for FY21:

- 1- Increase the percentage of students reading on grade level based on CCRPI Lexile Levels by 3%.
- 2- Increase number of students in ELA and Math scoring on the GMAS at a proficient or distinguished level by 3%.
- 3- Increase the percentage of subgroup populations scoring at the proficient level on the GMAS by 3%.
- 4- Increase or maintain school climate rating at each school by utilizing support resources and professional development as measured by the State Report Card and CCRPI Score.

## 2020-21 WLHS Goals

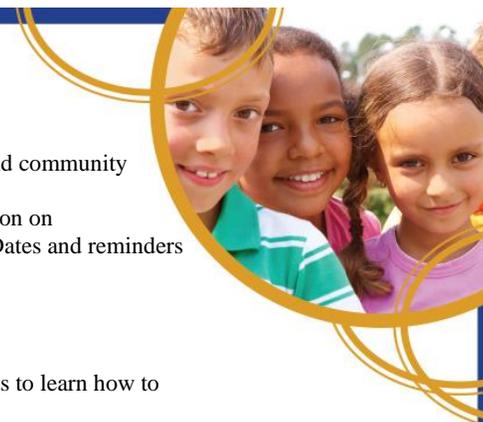
**Goal 1:** During the FY21 school year, WLHS will improve student achievement through implementation of content specific professional learning communities (PLCs) as evidenced by growth in Reading Inventory data, IXL ELA and Math achievements, on track credit accumulation, and pathway completion .

**Goal 2:** WLHS will increase the graduation rate by 3.1%.

## A note from Dr. Kemp



## Let's Get Together!



WLHS will host the following events to build capacity for strong family engagement in order to support a partnership among the school, parents, and community for improving student academic achievement. Meetings will be held at various times and in different formats throughout the year. For information on the opportunities listed below, look for flyers, phone calls, and/or emails. Dates and reminders can also be found on the school website or Facebook page.

### **Open House**

Meet your child's teachers and our friendly school staff.

### **Google Classroom Training**

A member of our technology staff will host a live online training for parents to learn how to navigate Google Classroom and Parent Portal.

### **Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation/Transition Parent and Family Meeting**

Information is provided to 8<sup>th</sup> graders and parents/family as students prepare to transition into high school.

### **Rising 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation/Transition Parent and Family Meeting**

Information is provided to 11<sup>th</sup> graders and parents/family as students prepare to transition into their senior year.

### **12<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent and Family Meeting**

Learn important steps that can help ensure that your child has a successful senior year. Important information such as credits, transcripts, and applications will be shared with 12<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents/family.

### **Honors Night**

We invite you to share in the recognition of students' academic successes and achievements in May.

### **FAFSA Night**

Applying and preparing for college can be daunting. This meeting will provide information on the application process for financial aid and college loan procedures.

### **Dual Enrollment Night**

Meet with our counselor and representatives from local colleges to see if Dual-Enrollment could be an option for your child.

### **Work Based Learning Meeting**

Receive information on our Work Based Learning program to determine if this option could be beneficial for your child.

\*Due to Covid-19 regulations, these meetings will take place very differently this year. Please make sure your student is on the Counselors' Remind and has joined the Counselor Google Classroom.

\*Please keep in mind that you are always welcome to call the school and schedule a meeting at any time. Our students, parents, and family members are a priority to us.

## Parent Resources Available

Please know that you can contact the school to receive help with various topics. Please come by, call, or send an e-mail. We strive to keep the lines of communication open.

## Parent and Family Engagement

WLHS believes family engagement means that parents and family members participate in regular, meaningful, two-way communication, involving student academic learning and other school activities, ensuring the following:

- Parents and family members play an integral role in assisting with their child's learning.
- Parents and family members are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents and family members are full partners in their child's education and are included on advisory committees and in decision-making processes to assist in the education of their child as appropriate.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

WLHS is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you have any suggestions or concerns about any of our programs planned for this year.

Dr. Dewana Kemp  
(478) 875-1000 or  
dewanakemp@lcboc.net



## WLHS 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 goals. We will:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is posted on the school website and Facebook page, and that printed copies are made available.
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff during Professional Learning Communities on strategies to improve communication with parents and family members and to discuss ideas that will increase family engagement, thereby strengthening partnerships within the community.
- ✓ Share information on the school website 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.
- ✓ Partner with West Laurens Middle, 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.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities through phone messages and social media.
- ✓ 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 other appropriate activities to help parents work with their child to improve student achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school Parent and Family Engagement Plan.
- ✓ Offer support for parents and family members to enhance their educational background.
- ✓ Provide language translation of materials and documents shared with parents/guardians and family members of students at WLHS upon request.
- ✓ Provide printed copies of materials and documents upon request.



## Parent and Family Engagement Standards

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

## Community of Learners

WLHS welcomes your comments about ways to further involve our parents and community. To share your thoughts, please complete this form and leave it in the WLHS main office.



## If You Have Questions?

*Please complete this form if you have additional questions.*

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions please provide us with your comments in the space below and leave this form in the main office of WLHS:

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

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

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_