

**West Laurens Middle School
Parent & Family Engagement
Plan**

2021-2022 School Year



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What is Title I?

West Laurens Middle School is identified as a Schoolwide Program 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 in order to 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 parent and family engagement policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement



What is it?

This is a plan that describes how West Laurens Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. West Laurens Middle School values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that West Laurens Middle School will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school.

How is it revised?

West Laurens Middle School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by providing written copies upon request to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents can also give feedback during our annual Title I meetings to revise the plan for the upcoming school year.

Who is it for?

All students in the Title I, Part A program and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. West Laurens Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is posted on our webpage, Facebook page, and sent home via Remind. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center located in West Laurens Middle School Media Center or on the school website. Spanish translations are available.

2021-2022 LCBOE District Goals

In our efforts to increase rigor and student achievement, to provide relevant curriculum learning experiences, and to build meaningful relationships with our students and stakeholders, the Laurens County School System has set the following goals for FY22:

- 1-Increase percentage of students reading on grade level based on Reading Inventory Lexile levels from the 2021-2022 beginning of the school year data so that at least 75% of students are considered proficient at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- 2-During FY22, increase number of students scoring on the Math GMAS at a proficient or distinguished level to pre-COVID percentiles.
- 3-Increase FY22 percentage of all subgroup populations scoring at the proficient level on GMAS ELA and Math Assessments by 3% over FY21 scores.
- 4-Increase or maintain school climate ratings at each school by utilizing support resources available.

2021-2022 WLMS Goals

The administrators and teachers of West Laurens Middle School have studied student performance and other data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school. Our goals for FY22 are as follows:

- Goal 1:** During the FY22 school year, 50% or more of WLM students will score proficient or higher on the Mathematics GMAS. **Goal 2:** During the FY22 school year 60% of WLM students will score at the mid-point or higher of their target Lexile as indicated by the Reading Inventory and GMAS scores.
- Goal 3:** During the FY 22 school year 90% of WLMS teachers, paraprofessionals, and other school personnel will rate WLM as operational or higher on the CNA climate rating.



West Laurens Middle School's Parent Involvement Program and Activities

West Laurens Middle 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. Meetings will be scheduled at various times and information will be sent home in various formats throughout the year.

- Open House

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

- Annual Title I Meeting

We invite you to an evening of live learning and sharing about our Title I program including our family engagement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts and the parents' requirements. Instructional staff will also describe and explain the assessment used to measure student progress and achievement levels.

- Parent Training Opportunities

We will provide periodic parent training designed to reinforce the learning focus outlined in the School-Parent Compacts. Parents will learn specific skills and tips in how to help their children with math number system fluency and writing.

- Literacy Initiatives

Information, tips, and links will be sent home periodically to help parents improve their child's literacy. In-person meetings will be scheduled if possible.

- 8th Grade Transition Information

Learn about the transition to high school. Links will be sent for 8th grade students and parents only and will establish a foundation for future college and career success.

- 5th Grade Transition Information

Learn about the transition to middle school. Links will be posted for 5th grade students and parents only.

- WLMS End of Year Spring Input Meeting

Connect with the school and community to build a better school, review the school-wide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget, and provide input for 2022-2023 school year.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center located in the Media Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources. Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

West Laurens Middle School believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, ensuring-

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That parents and family members 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.

West Laurens Middle School is committed to helping our parents feel involved through virtual or in-person options 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. (478)272-8452
reedwaldrep@lcboe.net

West Laurens Middle School

West Laurens Middle School 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 school goals. We will –

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is posted on the school website, Facebook page, and Google Classrooms for all parents.
- Conduct staff development each quarter on parent and family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Share information on the school website, Facebook page, Google Classrooms and 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 methods such as phone messages, social media, Remind.com, Facebook pages, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant virtual trainings and helpful online presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement.
- Provide necessary materials for parents either virtually or in-person at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child academically to improve their child's achievement.
- Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parent and family engagement plan and activities.
- Offer parent classes to help further enhance their various educational backgrounds.
- Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Language translation of materials and documents shared with parents/guardians of students at West Laurens Middle School will be made available 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

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, West Laurens Middle School and our families will develop a school parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together 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 also shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need additional copies.



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 email Dr. Tama Freeman at tamafreeman@lcboe.net (grades 7-8), or Glenda Thompson at glendathompson@lcboe.net (grade 6). We value your feedback!

If You Have Questions?

Please complete this form if you have additional questions about the Title I Program at West Laurens Middle School or the Parent & Family Engagement Plan. Mail in, drop off in front office, or email using the above email addresses.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Question: _____