

White Sulphur Elementary School

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**White Sulphur Elementary School Parent
and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for
Shared Student Success
2023-2024**



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WSES School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how WSES will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. WSES 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 WSES 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.

How is it revised? WSES invited all parents to attend our Parent and Family Engagement input meeting in the Spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through the attached form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during parent meetings and activities during the school year, including Parent Nights.

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. WSES will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, after revision, this plan will be sent home with all students in their Monday Folders. Parents will receive the plan in either English or Spanish. A copy of the plan is available in both languages on the school website (www.wses.hallco.org). This plan will also be emailed through Remind to all parents. Parents can also retrieve a copy of this plan from their child's teacher or the front office at any time during the year.

What is Title I?

White Sulphur Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

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Hall County School District Goals FY 24

Goal 1: By the end of FY24, the percentage of students in each subgroup moving into the "Proficient" and "Distinguished" levels of performance on the Georgia Milestones Assessments will increase by 2% in the

"Proficient" and "Distinguished" levels of performance.

- o Goal 2: Increase the percentage of referred students who access school- based mental health services by 2% each year (with FY21 being the baseline year) to decrease the number of OSS days in grades 6-12.

White Sulphur Elementary Goals FY24

During the 2023-2024 school year, we will increase by 10% the percentage of students who meet or exceed their projected student norm growth goal compared to last year's percentage (42.3%). This will be measured by the EOY MAP assessment.

During the 2023-2024 school year, WSES: will increase by 2% the number of students performing at or above proficiency in grades 3-5 as measured by the ELA EOG Milestones.

During the 2023-2024 school year, we will increase by 10% the percentage of students who meet or exceed their projected student norm growth goal compared to last year's percentage (45.2%). This will be measured by the EOY MAP assessment.

During the 2023-2024 school year, WSES: will increase by 2% the number of students performing at or above proficiency in grades 3-5 as measured by the Math EOG Milestones.

During the 2023-24 school year, WSES will improve positive relationships with students and parents as measured by parent and student survey results and SOS surveys and in addition, build resiliency skills within the students so that office referrals decline.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, WSES and our families 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 during the school year. The school- parent compacts are available in the front office and kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

WSES Parent & Family Events

WSES 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.

[Parent Orientation/Open House– 8/3/23 from 3:00-6:00 pm](#)

We invite you to meet your child's teacher, ask questions and see the various ways you can volunteer at WSES.

[PTO Meeting Focus: Technology & Math- 9/21/23 at 6:00 pm](#)

We invite you to come learn how to make Math fun at home through the use of technology. Take home materials will be distributed.

[Title I Annual Meeting - 10/4/23 at 9:00 am and 4:00 pm](#)

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. We will review our budget. Invitations will be emailed and posted in the school newsletter, social media, and local media.

[Parent Conference Month – October 2023](#)

We invite you to come to meet with teachers to receive updates on your child's progress.

[PTO Meeting Focus: Reading - 11/16/23 at 6:00 pm](#)

We invite you to come learn how to make Reading fun at home. Take home materials will be distributed.

[PTO Meeting Focus: Wellness- 2/15/24 at 6:00 pm](#)

We invite you to come learn how to make Writing fun at home. Take home materials will be distributed.

[Parent Conference Month – March 2024](#)

We invite you to come to meet with teachers to receive updates on your child's progress.

[Parent Engagement Input Meeting - 4/17/24 at 9:00 am and 4:00 pm](#)

We invite you to come join us for a discussion with the principal regarding the school wide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.

[PTO Meeting Focus: Milestones 4/18/24 at 6:00 p.m.](#)

We invite you to come learn about how to help prepare your child for Milestones at home.

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Parent and Family Engagement

White Sulphur Elementary 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.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Support

White Sulphur Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance in order to participate in our programs.

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Get Involved at White Sulphur Elementary!

WSES 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 published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the Monday Folders.
- ✓ Provide training for staff on strategies, four times a year through Canvas, to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, 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 Spanish on the school website and in the school newsletter 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 phone, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ 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 Partners in Education and Parent/ Community Team 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 by providing parent feedback forms.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start through the District Parent Outreach Facilitator. The District Parent Outreach Facilitator meets with parents and families providing information and resources to support school orientation for parents, families and students to assist in successful student transitions to kindergarten

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All Parents Welcome!

All parents at WSES are part of our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). The WSES PTO is governed by by-laws and led by a PTO Board consisting of a President, President-Elect, Treasurer, 2 Parents-at-large, 2 Teachers-at-large, Principal, and Assistant Principal. If you have questions or ideas to help improve WSES, feel free to contact us at the school office.



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How can you help?

Parent Volunteers are always welcome at WSES! All Parent Volunteers are mandated reporters of child abuse or neglect and must complete training prior to volunteering. Call the school office (770-532-0945) if you would like to help!

- Fill Monday Folders each week in your child's class
- Volunteer
- Make copies in the front office or for grade levels
- Volunteer at Field Day
- Volunteer for Special Events
- Work at the Book Fair
- Title I Parent Engagement Input Meeting
- Organize Classroom Parties and Activities



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 provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) Telephone Number: (optional)
