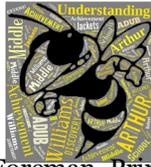


**Arthur Williams Middle School
Parent and Family Engagement Plan**

2019-2020



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Due to school closures during the 2019-2020 school year, district plans/policies, school plan/policy and compacts may remain active for the 2020-2021 school year. Revisions and updates will be made and distributed to families as changes are made with our goal of having new and updated Family and Community Engagement compliance documents for the 2021-2022 school year.

What is Title I?

Arthur Williams Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of The Every Student Succeeds (ESSA). 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 parent and family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all families a written parent and family engagement policy.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a policy that describes how Arthur Williams Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Arthur Williams Middle School values the contributions and engagement of families in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Arthur Williams Middle School will support parent and family engagement and how families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed? Arthur Williams Middle School welcomes families input and comments at any time regarding the policy. All feedback will be used to revise the policy for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for families to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and offer a hard copy format to ask families for their suggestions on the policy and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during our Open House event, quarterly Title I Parent and Family Engagement Meetings, and at our Annual Title I Meeting.

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 policy. Arthur Williams Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of families with limited English, families with disabilities, and families of migratory children.

Where is it available? The plan will also be posted on our school website throughout the year, and distributed at the Title I table at Open House and Academic Parent-Teacher Team (APTT) meetings. Families can also retrieve a copy of the plan at the school's media center, front office, and at the Title I Annual Meeting. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Family Compact will be sent home with all students at the beginning of the school year during Open House, the first day of school and with new enrollees on the day of their enrollment.

***The Arthur Williams Middle School Vision Statement:
Achievement, Discovery, Understanding, and Brilliance (ADUB).***

How Are Title I Funds Spent?

See below for examples of how Title I Parent Engagement funds are spent:

- Parent & Family Engagement Specialist Salary & Benefits
- Translations/Interpreter
- Parent Resource Materials/Supplies
- Parent Correspondence

Wayne County School System Goal for 2019-2020

By June 2020, increase the percentage of students scoring at proficient on the Georgia Milestones by 5% and the percentage of students scoring at distinguished by 2% in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math.

Arthur Williams Middle School Goal for 2019-2020

Arthur Williams Middle School will increase the number of students reaching proficiency and distinguished learners on Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS) in reading and math for SY20.

School-Family Compacts

As part of this policy, Arthur Williams Middle School and our families will develop a school-family compact, which is an agreement that parents, families, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how families 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 families and teachers at Open House, the Title 1 Annual Meeting, and Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Meetings. Copies of the school-family compact will be available at the AWMS Media Center, front office, and to review on the AWMS website.

Parent and Family Engagement Program and Activities

Arthur Williams Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, families, and the community to improve student academic achievement:

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
July, 2019	<u>Sixth Grade Jump Start</u> : Families and sixth grade students will participate in orientation sessions to learn about middle school expectations, rules, schedules, and procedures.
August 2019	<u>AWMS Open House</u> : Families and students will meet homeroom team teachers. Families will have the option to sign up for various parent and family engagement opportunities.
August/September, 2019	<u>Annual Title I Meeting</u> : Parents will have the opportunity to learn about the school's Title I program, to review the School-Wide Plan, and to gather information on parent involvement throughout the year.

Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTT) will be implemented for all grades during SY2019-2020. Dates for APTT meetings will be communicated to all parents & guardians in early Fall 2019. APTT is a family engagement model that strengthens teacher-family relationships by focusing on student academic growth and achievement. The APTT Model elevates the efforts of traditional parent-teacher conferences by inviting all families of the same classroom teacher to meet together rather than individually. A 75-minute APTT meeting includes the following:

- Team-building activity to build a rapport with and among parents and the classroom teacher
- Foundational grade-level skills that students must master by the end of the school year
- An anonymous graph of every child's status on the skill
- Teacher modeling the activities that are targeted to improve the skill
- Parents practicing the activities together in order to use them with their child at home
- Individualized 60-day goal for their child on the skill

Leader in Me will be implemented for all grades during SY2019-2020. *Leader in Me* schools provide student leadership skills and students will develop the mindsets, behaviors, and skills to be effective lifelong leaders. In order to teach and reinforce these principles, AWMS had also adopted the *Leader in Me* program and the principles for the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.

Family Engagement from *Leader in Me* provides our students' families with information, training, and school resources which empower families to be supportive partners in the development of their student's social-emotional behavior.

Spring 2020	<u>Title 1 Parent School-Family Compact and Parent and Family Engagement Policy Input/Review/Feedback Opportunities</u> All parents, families & stakeholders are invited: A reminder of the meetings will be posted on the school marquee and school website. The meetings will also be advertised on local radio, TV, and in the newspaper. Help us finalize revisions to the Title I School- Family Compact and the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
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Parent and Family Engagement

Arthur Williams Middle School believes that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents and families in a regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.

This requires:

- That families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning,
- That families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school,
- That families 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, and
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Support

Arthur Williams Middle School is committed to helping our families attend the activities listed in this plan.

Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Translators are available at all AWMS Title I events.

Arthur Williams Middle School is Reaching Out!

Arthur Williams Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support families as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals.

We will –

-  Ensure that parent and family engagement meetings and information related to school and family engagement activities are published in both English and Spanish and are publicized through our local newspaper, radio, television station, school website, through announcements sent home to parents, through technology as well as through our school's message system.
-  Ensure that families understand the Georgia Compulsory Attendance Law. O.C.G.A. 20-2-690
-  Partner with the Jesup Elementary, Martha Smith Elementary, Screven Elementary, and Wayne County High to share school information and activities that will improve school transition for families and students.
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-  Ensure that families are invited to conferences and meetings throughout the year.
-  Provide materials for families at conferences, meetings, and activities to help families work with their child 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.
-  Ask, listen and respond to families' requests for additional support for family engagement activities.



You are Invited...

The Wayne County School System will hold system-wide Title I meetings during SY20, at the Tech Center. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss and revise the system parent and family engagement policy. The finalized date will be advertised via KiNVO, school web sites and local media.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Arthur Williams Middle School and our families have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, families, students, and the community. These standards are:

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

Title I Parent and Family Engagement Meetings

Arthur Williams Middle School invites all families to join us for our Title I Parent and Family Engagement Meetings to share ideas and ways to involve other families to build partnerships with school, other families, and the community. The meetings are conducted at various times during the school year, but families can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Title I Parent and Family Meetings, please contact, Shawn Yeomans, AWMS principal, at 912-427-1025 or complete the interest form and return it in the school's front office. Families and teachers are encouraged to drop suggestions for school improvement in the suggestion box located in the media center.

Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Meetings

- Yes, I am excited about attending the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Meeting
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Meetings
- Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

Name: _____

Child's Name and 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 form in the Front Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

Feedback:

