

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.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wayne County High School Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Strengthening Student Academic Achievement 2019-2020 School Year</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Brett McDaniel, Principal 1 Jacket Drive Jesup, Georgia 31545 (912) 427-1088</p> <p><a href="http://www.wayne.k12.ga.us/High.cfm?subpage=193443">http://www.wayne.k12.ga.us/High.cfm?subpage=193443</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>School Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Strengthening Student Academic Achievement</b></p> <p><b>What is it?</b> This is a plan that describes how Wayne County High School will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to empower all students to reach their highest levels of achievement. Wayne County High School believes in the importance of good communication between the home and the school in building a successful learning environment for all students. It is our goal to provide multiple opportunities for parents, families, students, and school staff to establish strong, meaningful, and lasting connections. Family Engagement means the participation of families in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including and ensuring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning;</li> <li>• that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school and home; and</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>How is it developed?</b> WCHS families, students, teachers, and administrators have developed the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The policy is presented at the Stakeholders’ meetings and Leadership Team meetings and is open to all stakeholders for consideration of improvements, approval, and adoption on an annual basis.</p> <p><b>Where is it available?</b> The plan is posted on our school website, a copy of the plan is in the WCHS front office, a copy of the School Improvement Plan is available in the office and at the BOE for review by parents. The plan is disseminated during the Annual Title I meeting, after the adoption of the plan and to all new enrollees.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What is Title I?</b></p> <p>Wayne County High School 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 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 and family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop a written parent and family engagement policy with the opportunity for all stakeholders to participate.</p>	

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**2019-2020 District Goal**

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**WCHS 2019-2020 School Goal**

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**Focus Area:**

To focus on reading strategies in both ELA and other content area classes.

**School-Family Compacts**

As part of this plan, Wayne County High School and families of our students will develop a school-family compact jointly at the time we revise the policy. The compact is a voluntary agreement between administrators, students, parents, families and teachers to help our students meet grade level standards. The compacts will be reviewed annually based on feedback from parents, families, students, teachers, staff, and community. The signature pages are kept on file at Wayne County High School in the office.



**Wayne County High School Family Opportunities**

Providing opportunities to participate in school events may include, but are not limited to, the following:

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation – August 2019

- Orientation and transition into WCHS

Open House – August 2019

- Meet your child’s teachers and our school staff and receive Title I Brochures and/or Title I Letter

Annual Title I Meeting – September 2019

- Meeting/s where the principal reviews and discusses our school's school-wide Title I program, Title I components, how Title I funds are spent, policies, compacts and ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act).

Curriculum Night – September 2019

- Visit your student’s classes to learn more about the curriculum, available resources, and class expectations

Career Day – Fall 2019

- Students sign-up to hear more about careers that interest them.

Parent/Family-Teacher Conferences - Ongoing

System-Wide Parent Engagement Stakeholders’ Meetings – Spring 2020

- Wayne County supports and encourages parent, family and community engagement and stakeholder input in each of its schools and at the district level. Partnerships with families, community organizations and business leaders are the foundation for student and school success

Parent Scheduling Nights – Spring 2020

- Parents/Families are invited to meet with their child’s advisor to discuss recommended classes for the following year.

Grade Level Parent Meetings – Ongoing

- These meetings are designed to orientate parents and families on the grade level expectations and events pertinent to each grade level.

Parent and Family meetings are publicized through the local newspaper, radio, television station, county and school websites, electronic school sign, on morning announcements, and announcements are sent home with students. Meetings will be conducted at a variety of times to ensure as many sent parents/families as possible are able to attend.

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## **Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

Wayne County High School will involve the parents, families and students in the joint development and agreement of its School Parent and Family Engagement Policy and its school wide plan, in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner.

- The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be distributed to each student during the first semester of school or upon enrollment of all new students.
- The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be made available to local community agencies.
- During the spring semester of every school year, the school will collaborate with parent and family groups to review and update the parent and family engagement policy to reflect the changes in school agendas and Program improvement status. Updates will be posted on the school website.
- Wayne County High School will convene an annual meeting to inform parents and families of the following:
  - That their child's school participates in Title I
  - About the requirements and rights to be involved in Title I
  - About the resources provided through their school's participation in Title I
  - The use of television, letters home, the automated phone service, and announcements in local newspaper to inform parents and families of time/place of the annual Title I meeting
- Wayne County High School will provide parents and families of participating children with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. This will be done by having parent and family meetings, sending home informational flyers, local TV, radio, newspaper and school website.
- Wayne County High School will provide opportunities for parents, families and students to meet with counselors and/or advisors to make suggestions and to participate in decisions relating to their child's education, (i.e. School Council membership, Stakeholders' Meetings, Student Council, Parent surveys, PIE, comment sheet attached to WCHS Parent and Family Engagement Policy, Parent/Teacher Scheduling Night, upcoming school years' schedules made available in July to allow students, parents and families to request schedule changes, etc.).
- Wayne County High School will submit to the district any unsatisfactory comments.
  - The School Council will review such comments and consider ways to resolve the disputed sections of the school plan.
  - A "Suggestion Box" is placed in the front office so it is accessible to parents.
- Title I funds will be used to supplement other local, state, and federal funds to purchase technology, consumables, other need instructional materials for students and teacher salaries. Title I funds will also be used for teacher professional learning activities to stay up to date with best practices. Examples of Title I Parent and Family Engagement funding are: parent/family engagement personnel salaries, supplies for parent/family workshops, translations, resource centers and parent/family correspondence.

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## **SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

Wayne County High school will develop and incorporate the Family-School Compact as a component of its Parent and Family Engagement Policy:

- All students will receive a copy of the Family-School Compact during the first semester of school and new students will receive copies with their initial enrollment packets.
- Signed compacts are collected and filed annually.
- WCHS will provide formal parent-family member/teacher conferences. At these meetings families are provided with information regarding their child's progress towards reaching success in proficiency of the state academic achievement standards.
- WCHS will provide information on student mastery of the state content standards on student progress through press reports and report cards, state and local assessment results, portfolios, and work samples.
- The school will, with the assistance of its' district, provide materials and training to help families work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as Curriculum Night; Open House and orientation meetings; senior meetings; college workshops; graduation coaching; parent/family member - teacher conferences; scholarship opportunities, and, district-sponsored workshops (which may include communication techniques, parenting skills, literacy and math training), informational flyers and pamphlets, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement.
- WCHS shall present professional development to the entire staff on developing effective communication between staff and families in order to promote an equal partnership between the home and school.
- Participation in Family Connections to collaborate and network with the community.

## **BUILDING CAPACITY FOR PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

The school shall conduct parent and family engagement activities and education workshops to encourage and support parents'/families' participation in the education of their children.

- The school will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, disseminate information related to the school and family-programs, meetings, and other activities, in an understandable format, and in a language the families can understand.
- All school information is sent home via student, standard mail, email (when available) and/or posted on the school website
- WCHS will provide support for parent and family engagement activities as requested by surveys.
- Efforts are made to establish and maintain continuity through working with parent and family liaison people in other programs.

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## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT STANDARDS**

Wayne County High School and our parents and 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

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

Wayne County High School will provide opportunities for participation by parents and families with limited English proficiency, families with disabilities, and Title I families. This includes providing information and school reports in a format, and when possible, in a language such families understand. Please call or email us if you need assistance with translations or other circumstances in order to participate in our programs. We will accommodate your family's need to the extent feasible.

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## WCHS Parent and Family Engagement Team

Wayne County High School invites all parents and families to be actively involved in our school's decision-making process. We welcome you to share ideas and ways to involve other families to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. We will have stakeholders' meetings in addition to other meetings during the school year to make certain all families are able to participate. Our school plans are living documents, so parents and family members can submit their ideas or suggestions during any activities and meetings as well as through our surveys and suggestion boxes. If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please complete the *Share Your Thoughts* section below of WCHS Parent and Family Engagement Policy and leave it in the Main Office or place in the Suggestion Box.

We look forward to working together in order to improve student achievement for all students at Wayne County High School.

### 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 or place in the suggestion box:

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

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