



# WOODLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

A Title I School

"Believe, Achieve, Succeed"

Fulton County School System

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## PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN REVISED APRIL 21, 2020

### What is Title I?

Woodland Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I PFEP is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards 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 a family engagement plan in writing and provide to every participating family

### What is it?

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

### Who is it for?

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

### How is it revised?

Woodland Middle School invited all parents to attend our Title I Parent Input meeting on April 21, 2020, to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-family compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parents feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. The feedback form asks for suggestions on the plan and the use of the 1% of the family engagement funds. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities throughout the school year.

### Where is it available?

For the 2020-2021 school year, we have made this plan easily accessible on the Woodland Middle School website in the fall of each year before November 01. Teachers and staff of Woodland Middle School can also provide and review an attached copy via email of this family plan with you during any parent-teacher conference. The plan is also available for pickup at Asa Hilliard Elementary School on Wednesdays through the food distribution event, by request.

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- ❑ Parents, students, and teachers/staff work together to develop the School-Family Compact jointly.
- ❑ All parties agree to share responsibility for improved academic, student success. Parents, teachers/staff, and students partner together to achieve the State's high standards. To build an equal partnership, stakeholders will review and revise our *School-Family Compact* in Spring 2021 at the *Title I Stakeholder Input Meeting* and through *school-wide surveys*. Feedback is welcome throughout the year.
- ❑ The Woodland Middle School-Family Compact for the 2020-2021 school-year will be distributed in multiple ways: on the school website before October 1, 2020, emailed directly to parents via Blackboard Messenger, available to review during virtual parent conferences or during live parents meetings online.

#### **Reservation of Funds**

- ❑ Parents share in decision-making regarding how Title I funds are allocated. Title I budget stipulates parents and families will determine how a "set-aside of 1%" of the funds will be spent on family engagement resources and activities.
- ❑ Budget input for the 2020-2021 school year was collected in Spring 2020. Per feedback, Title I funds will be used to impact all students by providing additional teachers/paraprofessionals to reduce class size, and on extra academic supports to include professional development and instructional coaches.

#### **Coordination of Services**

- ❑ Woodland Middle School coordinates family engagement programs, activities, and strategies to help parents participate in their child's education by reaching out to our feeder schools to invite families to events and activities. **Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, all meetings will be held online for the safety of our students and families.**

#### **Building Capacity of Parents**

- ❑ The school's curriculum is provided to parents at our *Annual Virtual Title I Parent Meeting* (see the presentation on the school's website), *Virtual Curriculum Night*, *Virtual Parent Resource Center workshops*, and *Student-Led Conferences*.
- ❑ Parents may gain more information about their child's academic assessment results and interpretation of those results during student-led conferences. Questions regarding your child's results may be directed to your child's teacher or any member of the administrative team.
- ❑ Woodland Middle School uses assessments *GA Milestones End of Grade (EOG)* and *End Of Course Test (EOCT)*, *iReady (Math and Reading)* to measure student progress and achievement levels of the challenging State's academic standards.
- ❑ Parents can learn more about *The Georgia Standards of Excellence*, *Georgia Milestones*, *Fastbridge Testing*, *End of Course Test (EOCT)*, *Title I, Part A (ESSA) requirements*, via the *Title I Annual Parent Meeting*, *Curriculum Night*, *Parent Resource Center workshops*, *Student-Led Conferences*, and *School Governance Council (SGC) meetings*. Information is available on our website, and testing dates are shared on the school newsletter.
- ❑ Parents can support their child's academic progress by partnering with their child's teachers by using *Infinite Campus* and supporting their child's use of *Infinite Campus*. The login and password for Infinite Campus may be located at [fultonschools.org](http://fultonschools.org). Instructions will be posted to the website or provided at *Virtual Parent Resource Center workshops*, and the *Parent Liaison* will offer training and materials to help parents to work with their child at home via the Microsoft Team Platform. Additional materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve literacy, math, and technology (i.e. Copyright/Piracy, Office365, Teams, Digital Citizenship, and Safety) will take place virtually.

#### **Building Capacity of School Staff and Capacity for Involvement**

- ❑ Woodland Middle School values the utility of contributions of parents. We will educate school personnel on how to work effectively through virtual *Building Staff Capacity Training* during the first and second semesters, and on-going secondary methods (i.e. email and social media) throughout the school year. Live online training will be based on the help and input of our parents and families.
- ❑ The school is committed to working with parents to build ties between school and home by fostering 2-Way communication through evaluations/surveys, social media, email, comments, and feedback.
- ❑ Woodland Middle School will seek ways to incorporate the value and utility of our parents into our teachers' *Grade Level Meetings* one or more times per the school year. Parents are invited to share ways in which teachers can best communicate with parents to strengthen student achievement.
- ❑ Woodland Middle School is open to hearing from our families, and we invite you to be part of our *dynamic Wolverine PTA*. Please let us know if you have any requests for family engagement activities. We welcome your ideas and wish to meet the needs of our families. Please contact your parent liaison if you would like to know more about our family engagement opportunities, have a question, or suggestion: Keteria Franks-Smith, *Title I Parent Liaison*, at [Franksk@fultonschools.org](mailto:Franksk@fultonschools.org) or 470.254.8796

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**Parent and Family Engagement Opportunities "Mark Your Calendar!!"**

<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Parent Orientation on Open House</li> <li>• Annual Title I Parent Meeting</li> <li>• Curriculum Night</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Year Resolutions: Homework Habits &amp; Organization</li> <li>• Social Emotional Workshop</li> <li>• Technology Talk Refresher-Copy Right Piracy Review</li> </ul>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>February</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackling Technology</li> <li>• ESOL- Hispanic Heritage Night</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Math Night</li> <li>• Parent Chat</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<b>March</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Chat</li> <li>• Family Literacy Night</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title 1 Stakeholder Meeting</li> <li>• Understanding the GA Milestones</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	<b>April</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Transitional Meeting</li> <li>• Open House for Parent Academy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open House for Parent Academy</li> <li>• Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transitional Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<b>• May</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Partner Appreciation</li> <li>• Parent Teacher Conference Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful Transitioning and Building the Summer Gap</li> <li>• Annual Title 1 Survey</li> </ul>

**GET INVOLVED!!**

Additional virtual workshops may be added based on parent, teacher, students' requests. Please check your email and our school's website for announcements.

**Let us Get Together!**

Woodland Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

***Virtual Annual Title I Parent Meeting – August 27, 2020, at 5:00 pm***

We invite all parents to learn about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement plan, the schoolwide plan and budget, the school-family compacts, and parents' requirements and their rights to be involved. Parents are invited to this meeting by school website, school marquee, school messenger (phone and email), and flyer. A Team's meeting link will be provided by email and text message; you may also access via the WMS website.

***Virtual Curriculum Night/Open House – August 27, 2020, at 5:30 pm***

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff. Understand the curriculum and learn how to monitor your child's progress using Infinite Campus. A Team's meeting link will be provided by email and text message; you may also access via the WMS website

***Tackling Technology – September 2, 2020 (Understanding the Harms of Copyright Piracy)***

Overview Microsoft Teams and student platforms for Remote Learning

***English Learners Parent Workshop – September 2020***

For English learners only. Learn how to make reading fun at home, and how to use translation options for Infinite Campus or request translator for parent meetings

***Family Math Night- January 2021***

Learn how to make math fun at home. We will review math strategies and resources used in the classroom.

***Tackling Technology – January 2021***

Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning at home. Receive additional training on Microsoft Teams and Infinite Campus

***Family Literacy Night- February 2021***

Learn new strategies to make reading comprehension fun at home

***Successful Transitioning and Bridging the Summer Gap– May 2021***

Help your child transition from elementary to middle and from middle to high school; learn strategies to help your child continue to grow academically throughout the summer months

***Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences-ongoing throughout the school year***

Gain knowledge about your child's progress in specific classes by scheduling a conference in advance