



**Parent and Family  
Engagement Plan for Shared  
Student Success**

**2023-2024 School Year**

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**What is Title I?**

Wacona 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 challenging state academic standards by reinforcing and enhancing 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop, with all parents, a written family engagement plan.

**School Plan for  
Shared Student Achievement**



**WHAT is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Wacona Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Wacona values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student 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?**

Wacona Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual Title I Evaluation and Input Meeting. The input meeting is held each spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent responses regarding this plan are welcome during the school year, and the plan is posted on our school web site for parents to view. 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 and hard copies (upon request) to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of the funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

**WHO is it for?**

Wacona is a school-wide Title I School; therefore, all students participate in the Title I, Part A program. Students and families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Wacona Elementary 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 sent home with all students. The plan will also be available on the school website. Additional hard copies of the plan will be available in the front office and Parent Resource Center.

# 2023-2024

## Student Achievement Goals

### District Goal

Increase academic achievement in ELA, Math, Social Studies and Science 5% in proficient and distinguished on the GA Milestones.

### School Goal

Increase academic achievement in ELA, Math, and Science 3% in proficient and distinguished on the GA Milestones.

## Focus Skills

### K—2nd Grade Focus Skills:

K—Phonemic and Phonological Awareness

1st—2nd: Reading Fluency, Comprehension, Vocabulary, Writing

K-2nd: Addition and Subtraction Math Fact Fluency

### 3rd—5th Grade Focus Skills:

- Reading for Comprehension

- Close Reading

- Writing narrative, informational, and opinion pieces

- Addition and Subtraction Math Fact Fluency

- Multiplication and Division Math Fact Fluency

*By focusing on phonological awareness, reading fluency and comprehension, all content areas will be positively impacted.*

## SCHOOL-FAMILY COMPACTS

In an effort to build strong partnerships, Wacona will work with parents, students, and teachers to develop a school-family compact.

This signed compact is an agreement that describes how parents, students, and teachers will be responsible for supporting academic learning.

The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers.

The school-family compact remains at home to be reviewed, and will be discussed throughout the year at various school-family events and conferences.

Wacona Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. ALL parents and families of students of Wacona are invited to attend. Meetings are advertised through flyers, Remind, school callouts, the school marquee, and other social media platforms. Language translation of all materials and documents shared with parents/guardians are available upon request. Virtual meetings will be held if necessary.

### Open House

✓ Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff.

### Annual Title I Meeting

✓ This is a meeting of learning and sharing about our Title I program including our Parent Engagement Plan, the School Improvement Plan, the School-Parent Compact, and other important information about our school.

### Wacona Parent Engagement Meetings

- ✓ Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education to support our school's literacy and math goals and increase your child's academic achievement.
- ✓ Review school plans.
- ✓ Learn helpful information to support your child's learning.

### School Improvement Meetings

- ✓ Offer feedback to build a better school and review school plans.
- ✓ ALL parents are invited to attend!

### Spring Input Meeting

- ✓ Provide feedback on the School Improvement Plan, Parent Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and the 1% parent set-aside budget

### Kindergarten and 5th Grade Transition Meetings

- ✓ Learn helpful information on how your child will transition to kindergarten and middle school.

## Parent Resources

Visit our website and Facebook page for resources. Resources and materials are provided for use at home to help your child with reading and math skills.

The “Virtual Parent Resource Room” can be accessed through the Wacona website.

<https://www.ware.k12.ga.us/o/wacona-elementary-school>

OR Follow us @ Wacona Elementary School



## Family Engagement

**Wacona Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including and ensuring parents:**

- ☞ Play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning.
- ☞ Encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school.
- ☞ 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.

***Wacona is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need additional information about participating in our programs.***

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WACONA is...



Wacona 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 made available through other virtual/electronic methods.
- ✓ Provide ongoing trainings for staff during their planning times on strategies 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 and virtual classrooms.
- ✓ 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/social media and in other school communication portals 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 schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our stakeholders to develop relevant and helpful trainings to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and events to help parents work with their child to improve their child’s achievement.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and other stakeholders at all events, so that we may continue to improve our communication and partnerships focused on increasing student achievement.

## Parent Engagement Standards

Wacona Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTO Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, 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 the Community

## Family Engagement Team

Wacona Elementary invites all parents to join the Family Engagement Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Family Engagement Team, please contact Mindy Pearson @ (912) 287-2362 or via email at [mindy.pearson@ware.k12.ga.us](mailto:mindy.pearson@ware.k12.ga.us).

If you would like to join or would just like to share your thoughts, fill out the form on the right of this page and return this page to Wacona Elementary.

## Family Engagement Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Family Engagement Team.
- Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the Family Engagement Team.
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

## 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 provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Front Office:

Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Comment(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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