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**Worth County Middle School**  
**Parent and Family Engagement**  
**Policy and Plan for Shared**  
**Student Success**

*2020-2021 School Year*

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## What is Title I?

Worth County Middle 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.

## School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

### What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Worth County Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Worth County Middle School 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 Worth County Middle School 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?

Worth County Middle School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum 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. 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 and by mail 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 several parent meetings and activities during the school year. All suggestions from parents and family members are shared with Mrs. Sevier (Principal) and Mrs. Foerster (Federal Programs Director) in an effort to bring about change.

### 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. Worth County Middle School 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, the plan is posted on the school website and social media. Parents can also request a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

## Let's Get Together!

### **2020-2021 District Goals**

The goal of Worth County School District is to meet or exceed content area performance mastery targets by 3%.

### **2020-2021 School Goals**

The goals of Worth County Middle School are to increase the number of students scoring proficient or distinguished on GMAS by 3% in all content areas.

### **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Worth County Middle School and our families will 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 Title I Meetings and information received from parents throughout the year. The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.

Worth County Middle School 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. All meetings for parents and family members will be held twice during the day in the morning before school and in the evening at 5:00 pm.

#### ***Annual Title I Meeting – October 2020 @ 5:30 pm- Virtual***

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

#### ***Open House – Virtual – September 2020***

Learn about students' teachers and school information.

#### ***School Council Meetings – Virtual Meetings TBD @ 10:00 am***

Gain knowledge about school-wide practices and initiatives.

#### ***Winner's Circle***

Help us recognize the top students for the 9 weeks.

#### ***Volunteer Training – Virtual***

Required training for anyone assisting teachers with students in the classroom or on field trips.

#### ***Veteran's Day Recognition – Virtual***

WCMS recognizes our local veterans.

#### ***Open House – Virtual***

Engage in STEM Activities with your student.

#### ***Muffins in the Morning – TBD***

WCMS recognizes the integral part parents and guardians play in the educational process.

#### ***Doughnuts with Grownups – TBD***

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#### ***School Forum – May 2020 @ 10:00 am***

A forum for parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, and school-parent compacts.

#### ***Virtual Learning Days- October 7, 2020; January 4, 2021; March 10, 2021***

This is a day for students to learn virtually at home. Teachers will have a Google Meet with students. There will also be an assignment in Google Classroom for students to complete for their classes. For those students without internet access, teachers will send home the assignment with them.

## Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child.

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 3:00 pm

## Parent and Family Engagement

Worth County Middle School 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.

Please call or email us if you have any questions or concerns.

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## Worth County Middle School is Branching Out!

Worth County Middle School 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, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- ✓ Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods 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.
- ✓ To prepare our students to transition to the high school, we have several activities and programs to help acclimate them to their new school. We also have special meetings and programs for our upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders to help them prepare for the middle school.
- ✓ Share information in the school newsletter and on the school website 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 parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations 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 activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Offer computer classes for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

## **Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)**

**Do you have your bag packed?  
What is in your bag?**

**B is for Behavior  
A is for Attendance  
G is Grades**

### **Georgia Milestones Assessment System**

The assessment program includes customized criterion-referenced tests at the elementary, middle and high school levels, as well as the National Assessment of Educational Progress in grades 4, 8 and 12. WCMS students will take the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessments. In addition to state-required standardized tests, WCMS students are also required to take local developed assessments in their courses, including unit tests, benchmarks, and final exams. Students also take part in universal screening four times per year.

## **Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE)**

The Georgia Standards of Excellence for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies will ensure that all Georgia students have an equal access and opportunity to master the skills and knowledge needed for success beyond high school. Effective implementation of the Georgia Standards of Excellence requires support on multiple fronts, including strengthening teacher content knowledge, teaching and instructional skills, and contextualized tasks for students that effectively engage 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. The standards create a foundation to work collaboratively across state and district, pooling resources and expertise, to create curricular tools, professional development, common assessments, and other instructional materials ([www.georgiastandards.org](http://www.georgiastandards.org), 2011)

Standards provide clear expectations for instruction, assessment and student work. They define the level of work that demonstrates achievement of the standards, enabling teacher to know “how good is good enough.” The performance standards isolate and identify the skills needed to use the knowledge and skills to problem solving, reason, communicate, and make connections with other information. They also tell the teacher how to assess the extent to which the student knows the material or can manipulate and apply the information.

## **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 Main Office:

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)