



# PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

School Year  
2024-2025

WESLEY LAKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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**WHAT IS Title I** Wesley Lakes 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 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 input from all parents, families, and community members, a written parent and family engagement plan. This is WLE's 2024-25 Parent & Family Engagement Plan.

## SCHOOL PLAN FOR SHARED SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

**WHAT IS IT?** This annually updated plan describes how Wesley Lakes Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Wesley Lakes Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Wesley Lakes Elementary will support family engagement and the ways parents can help plan and participate in activities and events, and request meetings to promote student learning at school and at home.

**HOW IS IT DEVELOPED AND REVISED?** Wesley Lakes Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. It is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by communication folders to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of family engagement funds. Parents can also give input during our School Council and Family Input meetings to revise the plan for the upcoming school year. During the Annual Evaluation, and in the spring, we will hold another Family Input meeting and parents can share their thoughts about the School Wide Plan. Any unsatisfactory comments

or suggestions will be submitted to the district with the principal's Annual Evaluation report.

**WHO IS IT FOR?** All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Wesley Lakes Elementary School 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, once the plan is finalized, it will be distributed to all parents and families. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Family Resource Center, in the front office or on the school website: <https://henry.k12.ga.us>.



If at any time you need an interpreter for meetings and/or events, or if you need our newsletter, materials or other documents translated into another language, please let the office staff know and we will be happy to provide you with that resource.

# Parents + Teachers + Students = SUCCESS

## PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

We invite you to visit WLE's Parent Resource Room to check out materials and fun activities to use at home with your child. We have books, study resources, and games that make learning fun! No appointment is necessary.



**WLE's Parent Resource Room is open  
Monday through Friday 3:00pm-6:00pm**

For questions or for more information contact:  
Jennifer Hoagland, Family Engagement Liaison  
Call (770) 914-1889 or send an email to  
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## PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Wesley Lakes Elementary 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:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on school council to assist in the education of their child.

## WESLEY LAKES ELEMENTARY IS BRANCHING OUT

Wesley Lakes Elementary School will take the following measures to promote and support parents 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, and other languages as requested, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- Partner with early childhood programs, middle schools, parents resource centers, or other programs (as appropriate) to help prepare parents for a successful school transition.
- Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Share information in English and Spanish, and additional languages as requested, on the school website and in the school newsletter 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 school wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, emails, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for families at parent conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Use our Partners in Education to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school Parent and Family Engagement Plan.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input card around the building and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents request for additional support for parental involvement activities.

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## WLE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Wesley Lakes Elementary invites all parents to attend monthly School Council meetings to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community.

# WLE'S COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS & FAMILIES



## Henry County's Priority Student Outcomes Strategic Actions:

- We will advance opportunities, access, and outcomes for every student group in Literacy Proficiency at every grade.
- We will advance opportunities, access, and outcomes for every student group in Readiness to Learn at every level.
- We will advance opportunities, access, and outcomes for every student group in College, Career, & Life Ready Skills - post graduation.

## WLE's School-Wide Goals:

- WLE will increase the percentage of 1st grade students reading on or above grade level from 42% to 45%.
- WLE will increase the percentage of 3rd grade students reading on or above grade level from 44% to 47%.
- WLE will increase the percentage of 5th grade students scoring proficient or distinguished in mathematics on the 2025 Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment from 18% to 21%.

## 1st Semester Progress Indicator:

The percentage of students in grades first thru fifth meeting or exceeding their expected MAP RIT will increase by 4% as measured on the August and December MAP assessment.

## School-Parent Compact:

As part of this plan, WLE families develop a School-Parent Compact for student success in learning. This compact is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students develop together that explains how they will partner to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact is reviewed and updated throughout the school year based on feedback collected during forums, surveys, and academic workshops. The School-Parent Compact is shared during conferences, sent home to parents, posted on the school website, and kept in the Parent Resource Center.

## Family Engagement Standards

Henry County Title I Schools and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. The standards are:



## Building School- Staff Capacity

Each Title 1 school shall educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents and in how to reach out to communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and the school.

After a review of our parent survey, WLE Staff will receive ongoing training and support on the following topics:

- Effective Communication with Parents
- Empowering Parents to Support their Child
- Creating a Welcoming Environment
- Developing Effective School and Parent Partnerships



# 2024-2025 Title I Parent Partners Events

**PARENT PARTNERS** is a series of monthly interactive programming for parents and families, to build the capacity for strong family engagement, and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and community to improve student academic achievement. Wesley Lakes Elementary is committed to helping our families attend parent engagement activities, hosting a variety of morning meetings, mid-day lunch and learns, afternoon meetings and evening events. Please call or email your Family Engagement Liaison, Jennifer Hoagland, if you are in need of assistance with childcare.

**JUL  
30**  
4-6PM

## **Open House**

Start the year off right!!! Visit your child's classroom, meet his/her teacher, arrange car rider transportation, and sign up for Parent Portal.

**AUG  
27**  
5:00PM

## **Fall Parent Input Meeting**

Information is collected and used to plan the upcoming year's events & revise our School-Parent Compact and Parent & Family Engagement Plan.

**SEP  
06**  
8:15AM

## **Grits & Grands: Helping Your Grandchildren Succeed in School**

WLE celebrates Grandparents Day with a breakfast of grits for grandparents to enjoy with their WLE grandchildren, while learning about how to support their grandchildren to succeed in school.

**SEP  
24**  
5:30PM

## **Curriculum Night**

Students and family will enjoy a spaghetti dinner and visit their classroom to meet the grade level team, learn current grade-level standards, and ways to help your child succeed in school.

**OCT  
16**  
8:00AM

## **Annual Title I Parent Meeting**

Bright & early, join us in the Media Center to learn about our Title I program, Parent & Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and opportunities for engagement.

**NOV  
08**  
1:30PM

## **The Literacy Lap**

Drive thru the afternoon car rider line to experience our first drive thru parent workshop to learn how to help your child become a reading superstar!

**DEC  
06**  
6:00PM

## **MissiOn Math Escape Room**

Join in for a fun and interactive escape room experience navigating puzzles in various classrooms at WLE while learning strategies to help your child with math!

**FEB  
2025**  
TBD

## **All About the Georgia Milestones Assessment**

Learn how to support and prepare your child for the Georgia Milestones Assessment, testing tips, managing test anxiety, and ask questions.

**MAR  
2025**  
TBD

## **Our Kids Online: Social Media, Safety, and Copyright Piracy**

In this *Virtual Lunch & Learn*, we will discuss how parents and schools can work together to keep our children safe in the digital age, including social media safety, red flags and action, and copyright piracy.

**APR  
23**  
6:00PM

## **Dolphin Dive to Kindergarten**

In this *Virtual session*, learn what is needed to prepare for Kindergarten in the fall including registration requirements and academic and social skills to successfully prepare for Kindergarten.

**MAY  
2025**  
TBD

## **Spring Parent Input Meeting**

Feedback is collected and used to plan next year's events and revise our School-Parent Compact and Parent & Family Engagement Plan.

## **INFORMATION ON PARENT PARTNERS AND OTHER EVENTS CAN BE FOUND:**

- Monthly Newsletter
- Tuesday Folders
- Class Dojo
- X (Twitter)
- Email
- WLE's Website
- Digital Marquee
- Campus Messenger Text Messages



*All parent and family engagement correspondence, opportunities, services, and resources, will also include students and staff affiliated with A Friend's House.*