

### ***What is Title I***

Title I, Part A is a federally funded program under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The purpose of Title I under the ESSA is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency in challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.

### **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

#### ***What is it?***

This is a plan that describes how Walnut Creek Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. WCES values the contributions and involvement of our families in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the many ways that WCES will support parent engagement and how families can help participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and home.

#### ***How is it Developed?***

Walnut Creek Elementary welcomes families' input and comments at any time regarding this plan. In the Spring, families are encouraged to participate in our Family Input Meetings to provide their feedback on our Title I School-Wide Plan (CSIP), Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, Title I budget (including the 1% Parent and Family Engagement Budget), and their ideas on building staff capacity. Drafts of all of our Title I documents are also available on our website for parents to review and offer suggestions. We distribute an annual survey by sending it home with students and posting it online to ask families for their suggestions on the plan and compact as well as the use of funds for parent and engagement. Unsatisfactory comments about the CSIP will be shared with the Henry County School District Title I Office.

#### ***Who is it for?***

At WCE students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Walnut Creek Elementary will provide full opportunities for the participation of families with limited English, families with disabilities and families of migratory children. In addition to ensuring that this plan meets the Title I informational needs of all families the compact will be reviewed at teacher-parent conferences two times a year.

#### ***Where is it available?***

This final plan will be reviewed with families during our Annual Title I Meeting. It will also be available in the Parent Resource Center and on our school website at

**[www.henry.k12.ga.us/wc/](http://www.henry.k12.ga.us/wc/)**



### **Henry County Schools Priority Student Outcomes District Goals**

- 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, and Life Ready Skills - post graduation.



#### **School-Parent Compact**

As part of this plan, Walnut Creek Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how they will work together to make sure all of our students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the school year and the school community task force planning meeting. The school-parent compact is kept with each child's teacher. Parents will keep their copy and return the signature page to the teachers or Parent Resource Center.

#### **Building School-Staff Capacity**

As part of this plan, Walnut Creek Elementary will educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, with the assistance of parents, on the importance of parent and family engagement and the value and utility of contributions of parents, as well as how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners. Parent input will be reviewed and used to develop training content and materials for staff training in effective family engagement.



# **Walnut Creek Elementary School**



***"WINNING FOR KIDS"***

**2024 - 2025**

**School-Wide Title I Program  
Parent and Family Engagement Plan  
Revised 8/30/2024**

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## Title I Meetings

Curriculum Night: Sept. 26, 2024  
5:30pm-7:00pm

Annual Title I Parent Meeting: At this meeting we will inform parents of the school's participation in the Title I program as well as parents' rights under Title I.

Sept.30, 2024

Conference: October 2024

Math Night: October 25, 2024

Literacy Night: March 2025

### These Dates are subject to change.

#### Title I Workshops

Saturday Parent University: January 2025

*Kindergarten and 5th Grade Transition*

Ideas for making the transition into Kindergarten and from 5th to 6th grade easier.

### Parent-Family Engagement at WCE

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

- That families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That families are full partners in their child's education and 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.

### Walnut Creek Elementary School is Reaching Out

WCE will take the following actions to promote and support parents/guardians as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals.

#### **We Will:**

- Conduct a curriculum night where families are given information about grade level curriculum that are placed at Henry County schools
- Provide assistance to families as appropriate in English or primary home language on the school website and the weekly electronic information for families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators to improve their child's academic achievement.
- Provide virtual training meetings, workshops, and materials in the Parent Resource Center to help families work with their child to improve the child's academic success.
- All parent and family engagement correspondence, opportunities, services, and resources, will also include students and staff affiliated with A Friend's House.
- Educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, with the assistance of contributions of families; as well as how to reach out to communicate with and work with families as equal partners.
- Communicate with local daycare centers and feeder middle schools to offer transition for upcoming Kindergarten and 5th grade families.
- Involve families in regularly scheduled training for teachers and other educators on strategies to improve communication with families and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also discuss best practices through phone calls, emails, flyers, and the weekly electronic information.
- Collect feedback from parents through comment cards at each family event and bi-annually in a survey.
- Provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities or meetings as families may request.
- Provide opportunities for family meet and greets, and conferences where teachers can share progress and assessments results with families to help better understand their child's academic progress.

#### **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 student's and school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided below and leave this form in the front office or Parent Resource Center.

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

**Number:** (optional)\_\_\_\_\_

**Suggestions/Comments/Questions:**\_\_\_\_\_

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#### **WCE Parent Resource Center**

**Our Parent Resource Center has many free resources available to checkout for your use at home with your child. We have resources for Math and Literacy that includes games, flashcards, Hot Dots, sight word readers, puzzles, and many more. The resources are for our students grades K-5th. For an appointment to pick up resources please contact our Family Engagement Liaison. We will be glad to arrange to provide you and your child with resources to use at home.**

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## WCE 2023-2024 Goals

### Increase Language Arts Proficiency

Increase the percentage of students in grade 1st through 5th scoring average and above on the Spring 2025 Map assessment in English Language Arts:

- Upcoming 1st grade: 57% - 62%
- Upcoming 2nd grade: 46% - 51%
- Upcoming 3rd grade: 54% - 59%
- Upcoming 4th grade: 58% - 63%
- Upcoming 5th grade: 43% - 48%

### Increase Math Proficiency

Increase the percentage of students in grade 1st through 5th scoring average or above on the Spring 2025 Map assessments in Math:

- Upcoming 1st grade: 56% - 61%
- Upcoming 2nd grade: 41% - 46%
- Upcoming 3rd grade: 40% - 45%
- Upcoming 4th grade: 46% - 51%
- Upcoming 5th grade: 42% - 47%

Increase the percentage of students in rising 1st graders scoring average and above on the Spring 2025 GKIDS assessment in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

### Parent Workshops

*In our commitment to ensure all families can participate we offer the following for parents for whom childcare or transportation prevents from attending in person. Please contact the Family Engagement Liaison with questions or assistance.*

- Virtual Workshops/Meetings will be held on various days and times to accommodate parents' schedules.
- Materials and information from meetings will be posted on the WCE website the next day after each event.
- If any workshop is held virtually, the recording will be placed on the WCE website for parents who are unable to attend.

*"AT Walnut Creek Elementary School, our vision is to provide a high quality, nurturing, safe, and authentic learning environment that empowers every child to reach their full potential."*

