

Winston Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Shared Student Success

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What is Title I?

Winston Elementary is identified as a Title I School, as defined by Every Child Succeeds Act of 2017 (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective methods of improving student achievement. They must also include strategies to support parental engagement. All schools that receive Title I, Part A funds must jointly develop with all parents a written parent engagement policy.



School Policy for Shared Student Achievement



What is it? This Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how Winston Elementary (WES) will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. WES 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 numerous ways WES will support parent engagement and how families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed? The Parent and Family Engagement Policy was developed as a collaborative effort between staff members, parents, community members and students. WES welcomes input and comments at any time regarding the Parent Involvement Plan. Suggestions, comments and concerns can be shared during Parent Advisory Council meetings. To collect written feedback, comment sheets are located in the Main Office and are distributed at each parent workshop. In addition, an annual on-line survey is used to gather suggestions and input regarding the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. These comments are shared with school leaders and used to revise the plan for the upcoming school year.

Who is it for? All Winston students, their families, and community members are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. WES will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? Winston's Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Douglas County's Parent and Family Engagement Plan are distributed to each student at the beginning of each school year. The plan is also accessible in various formats throughout the year. Copies of the plan can be found in our front office and is posted on our school website. In addition to the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the School-Parent Compact is given to all students.

2023-2024 District Goal



The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts and Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by six percentage points.

2023-2024 School Goal


Based upon the data from 2022-2023, the following goals have been set for the students at Winston:

The percentage of students scoring at Proficient Learner or above on the GMAS in English Language Arts and Mathematics will increase by six percentage points.

The focus for English/Language Arts is to:

-  increase each student's writing proficiency in language, usage, and convention development.
-  increase each student's understanding of stories that are read independently.

The focus for Mathematics is:

-  for students to be able to recall basic math facts fluently.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, Winston staff members and our families developed a school-parent compact for each grade level, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students created that explains how parents and teachers work together to ensure all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, teachers, and students during Parent Workshops and Parent Advisory Council Meetings. Copies of the school-parent compacts are kept in the front office and the Parent Resource Center, available on the school's web site.



Join Us at Winston Where We Strive for Excellence for Everyone, Every Day!



Winston will host the following activities to build the capacity for strong family involvement.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings – Tentative Dates

9/21/2023	1/18/2024	5/9/2024
8:30 AM	6:30 PM	5:00 PM

The PAC meets to share ideas, build partnerships with the school, other families, and the community.

K-2 Back to School Night- August 24, 2023 (5:30-6:30 PM)

Families are invited to meet their child's teacher, learn more about the curriculum expectations, and our school's expectations.

3-5 Back to School Night- August 29, 2023 (5:30-6:30 PM)

Families are invited to meet their child's teacher, learn more about the curriculum expectations, and our school's expectations.

Annual Title I Meeting – September 14, 2023 at 5:30 PM | September 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM)

This is a required annual meeting in which parents are given information about Title I and all the services and activities that will be provided.

Fall in Love with Reading: Spooky Literacy Night – October 26, 2023 (5:30-6:30 PM)

Parents will be provided strategies that they can use to help increase their child's reading comprehension.



Family Game Night – February 8, 2024 (5:30-6:30 PM)

From math, to reading and writing, and even science experiments, what better way to help your student learn than Parent Game Night.




Gearing Up for Assessments – April 11, 2024 (5:30-6:00 PM)

Parents will be provided information on the end of the year assessments and strategies that they can implement to help their child/children be successful.

Parent and Family Engagement

At Winston, we believe that increased parent and family engagement positively impacts student achievement. Our desire is to increase communication, offer meaningful workshops, conduct informational meetings, and provide individual conference opportunities.

This Parent and Family Engagement Plan confirms:

-  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 staff at Winston is committed to helping our parents attend the family engagement activities listed in this plan. In doing so, there may be resources for those needing assistance to participate. Please contact Mrs. Matznick, if you have any questions or need assistance.



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Winston Wildcats are focused on reaching their goals!

Winston 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, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
-  Conduct quarterly professional learning activities to strengthen our practices and strategies for increasing communication and building partnerships.
-  Partner with Head Start programs to promote parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their children for the transition into Kindergarten.
-  Share information in English and Spanish on the school's website and in the school newsletter to explain the school's academic standards and assessment measures. Information will also be provided to explain how parents can monitor their child's progress and work with the teacher to increase achievement.
-  Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding Title I events and activities. (Remind, School Messenger, e-mail, Facebook, and the school message board will be used.)
-  Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
-  Provide necessary materials for parents at workshops, meetings, and other school activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
-  Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy and activities.
-  Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
-  Establish and maintain a Parent Resource Center with educational resources for parents to check out.
-  In cases where the students reside in a Neglected and Delinquent residential facility, a representative from that facility can serve as a proxy for the parent(s).



Parent Involvement Standards

Winston staff and parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

Parent Advisory Council

- Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent Advisory Council
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent Advisory Council

Name _____
Child's Name/Children's Names _____
Grade Level _____
Teacher(s) _____
Address _____
Phone number _____
Email address _____

Parent Advisory Council

Winston invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Council to share ideas for increasing parent involvement and building partnerships between our school, families, and community. The council meets three times during the school year.

Parents can also submit their ideas, suggestions, and feedback throughout the year. Comment cards are provided at all workshops and located in the Parent Resource Center in the Media Center. The "Share Your Thoughts" section can be submitted at any time and an annual survey will be made available. If you would like further information about joining the Parent Advisory Council, please complete the PAC section of this form.

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you! If you have any suggestions, concerns or questions concerning this Parental Involvement Plan, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the main office.

Name: (optional) _____ Telephone Number: (optional) _____

