

**Walker Park Elementary School
Family Engagement Policy
2016-2017**



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What is Title I?

Walker Park Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Walker Park Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Walker Park 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 Walker Park Elementary will support parent 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 developed? Walker Park 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. The plan 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 hard copy to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during our Open House event, our Curriculum Night, and our Quarterly Title I Meetings throughout the upcoming school year.

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. Walker Park 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 offered to all parents at our Open House event held prior to the first day of school. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center and in the front office.



2016-17 Academic Goals

2014-15 will be a baseline year for all content areas as the new Georgia Milestones Assessment will replace the CRCT.

Walton County School District Target Goal by Spring 2015:

- 53 % of students in grades 3-5 will be at a passing level on the new Math Georgia Milestones Assessment.
- 57% of students in grades 3 -5 will be at a passing level on the new ELA Georgia Milestones Assessment (which includes Reading, ELA, and Writing).

Walker Park Elementary School Performance Targets by Spring 2016:

- 53% of students in grades 3-5 will be at the passing level on the new Math End of Grade Georgia Milestones Assessment.
- 57% of students will be at a passing level on the new English Language Arts Georgia Milestones Assessment.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Walker Park 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 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 Open House, Curriculum Night, and any other event held for parents. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Let's Get Together!

Walker Park Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement

Open House – August 2, 2016 4 – 6 pm

- ✓ Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year. Opportunity for feedback from parents and all stakeholders on Parent Involvement Plan and Compact for the 2016 – 2017 school year.

✓ **Annual Title I Parent Meeting – August 18, 2016 5:30-6:00**

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program including our parent involvement policy, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compacts and the parents' requirements. Invitations will be posted in the school newsletter, school web site, marquee and school wide call out.

✓ **Curriculum Night – August 18, 2016 5:00 – 5:30. 6:00 – 6:30**

- ✓ Parents will enjoy visiting their child's teachers and learning about curriculum updates.

✓ **Title I Parent Meetings ~ All parents and stakeholders invited**

- ✓ September 15, 2016 ~ 7:30 – 8:00 am
- ✓ January 19, 2017 ~ 7:30 – 8:00 am
- ✓ March 16, 2017 ~ 7:30 – 8:00 am

Title I Parent Involvement Meetings

Walker Park Elementary invites all parents to join us for our Title I Parent Involvement Meetings to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The meetings will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Title I Parent Involvement Meetings, please contact, Dr. Royal, the principal at (770) 207-3240 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Front Office.

Parental Involvement

Walker Park Elementary believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents 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.

Support for our Parents

Walker Park Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

Donna M. Hawk, District Title I Parent Coordinator at (770) 266-4530

Walker Park Elementary is Branching Out!

Walker Park Elementary 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 posted on the school website and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents. These events will also be listed in our WPES Calendar of Events that is updated for parents throughout the year.
- ✓ Review parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents, business community and conduct staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and Early Reading programs to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish in the school newsletter and 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 school wide events and activities, such as phone messages, notes in the agenda, placing events on the school's marquee sign, publishing reminders of upcoming events in Friday Folders, posting events on the school's website, and updating events and posting the WPES Calendar of Events in the front office, on the website, and at the Parent Resource Center.
- ✓ 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 conferences, meetings, and 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 parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Offer parent classes to help further enhance their various education backgrounds.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.



**Student
Achievement**

Just over 75% of our K-5th grade students joined the “Super-Reader League”. Our Accelerated Reader Incentive Program coordinated by our Media Specialist and our PTO.

Title I Parent Involvement Meetings

Yes, I am excited about attending the Title I Parent Involvement Meetings

Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Title I Parent Involvement Meetings

Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

Name: _____

Child’s Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____



Parent Involvement Standards
Walker Park Elementary 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. 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 Community**

Share Your Thoughts

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 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) _____
