

# PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Westside Atlanta Charter School is committed to providing opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Westside values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Westside 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.

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program and their families are encouraged and invited to participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Westside will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.



## What is Title I ?

Westside Atlanta Charter School is identified as a Title I school as part of 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 plan.

## Where can I view our plan?

The plan is posted on the school's website, distributed to all parents and disseminated at the Annual Title I meeting. Parents can retrieve a copy in the Parent Center.

## How did we develop our plan?

Westside Atlanta Charter School invited all parents to attend our parent input meeting to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan, our school-parent compact, and provide feedback on the parent and family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. All parent feedback received during the year is used to revise the plan for the next school year. An annual survey is distributed to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent and family engagement. Parents can give feedback during the parent workshops throughout the school year.

## Parent and Family Engagement

Westside Atlanta Charter School believes that parent engagement means the participation of parents in two-way communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Parents play a role in assisting in their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school and home. Parents are full partners with the school and are included in decision-making and on advisory committee to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.
- Westside Atlanta Charter School 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.



## School-Parent Compacts

A school-parent compact is a written agreement that outlines how parents, the school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement and how they will work together to build a strong partnership to help children succeed in school.

## Westside's 2025-2026 Goals

1. Increase the percentage of students scoring in proficient and above by 5% in math and ELA for subgroup within the Georgia Milestones Assessment.
2. Increase the percentage of students scoring in the beginning and developing learner range by 5% in math and ELA for all subgroup within the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

## Let's Get Together!

At Westside Atlanta Charter School, we are committed to fostering strong partnerships between the school, parents, and the community to enhance student academic achievement. To support this, we will host a series of events aimed at building the capacity for effective parent and family engagement. These events will provide opportunities for families to actively participate in their child's education and contribute to our school community. Future events will be communicated through various channels, including: Parent Newsletters, Flyers, Emails, and ClassDojo announcements. We encourage all families to stay informed and participate in these events to help strengthen our collaborative efforts in supporting student success.

## 2025-2026 Events

August

4- Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting

16- Garden Day- Family Picnic

September

9- Grits and Grandpaents

October

31- Fall Festival

November

Gratitude Feast

December

9- Donuts with 5- Dads

January

Parent Input Meeting

February

28- Father Daughter Dance

March

24- Muffins with Moms

*Activities and events will be promoted via ClassDojo and weekly newsletters. Connect digitally with Westside Atlanta Charter School on all social media platforms to receive updates on family engagement events!*

## Parent Center Information

Westside Atlanta Charter School has a parent center that is open to all families. If you need resources or information from the parent center, please reach out to Catherine Perry at [Catherine@wacs.us](mailto:Catherine@wacs.us)

Parent Center Hours  
 8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
 Monday - Friday

### Contact Us



**404-802-1350**

## Parent Engagement Standards

Westside Atlanta Charter School adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

- Welcoming All Families
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with Community

### WACS is Branching Out

We 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 English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the school correspondence to all parents.

- Provide trainings to 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.
- Send school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and students for school transitions.
- Share information on the school website, class dojo, and other social media forums. Provide information for parents detailing the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with teachers.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and newsletters. Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff and parents on the importance of parent and family engagement.
- Collect feedback from parents at events and distribute QR codes.

### Family Engagement Committee

WACS invites all parents to join the Title I Family Engagement Committee to share ideas and ways to involve other parents/guardians to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities, meetings as well as surveys.

If you would like to learn more about the Title I Family Engagement Committee, please contact:

Catherine Perry  
Catherine@wacs.us

In addition, you may complete the form and leave it in the parent center.

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### Family Engagement Committee Form

\_\_\_ Yes, I am excited about joining FEC.

\_\_\_ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about FEC.

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name & Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 Parent Center

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