

**West Laurens High School**  
*Parent and Family Engagement Plan*  
*2022–2023 School Year*



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



**What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how WLHS will provide opportunities to improve family engagement in order to support student learning. WLHS values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members for establishing an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes different ways that WLHS will support family engagement. It also provides information on ways parents can plan and participate in activities/events that promote student learning at school and at home.

**How is it revised?**

WLHS solicits input regarding the plan from teachers, students, and parents alike. All feedback is considered when revising the plan for the following school year. The plan is posted on our school website for students and parents to view and to provide feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and provide printed surveys asking parents for their suggestions on the plan. Parents and family members can give feedback anytime.

**Who is it for?**

All students and their families are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. WLHS provides necessary resources for parents and family members with limited English, disabilities, and migratory children that will allow them the opportunity to fully participate as well.

**Where is it available?**

At the beginning of the year, the plan is posted on our webpage <https://www.lcboe.net/2/Home>. Parents and family members can retrieve a copy from the school website or email a teacher to request a copy. Please feel free to call the school as well.



## ***2022-23 District Goals***

In our efforts to increase rigor and student achievement, to provide relevant curriculum learning experiences, and to build meaningful relationships with our students and stakeholders, the Laurens County School System has set the following goals for FY23:

1-Increase percentage of students reading on grade level based on Reading Inventory Lexile levels from the 2022-2023 beginning of the school year data so that at least 75% of students are considered proficient at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

2-During FY23, increase number of students scoring on the Math GMAS at a proficient or distinguished level to pre-COVID percentiles or higher.

3-Increase FY23 percentage of all subgroup populations scoring at the proficient level on GMAS ELA and Math Assessments by 3% over FY22 scores.

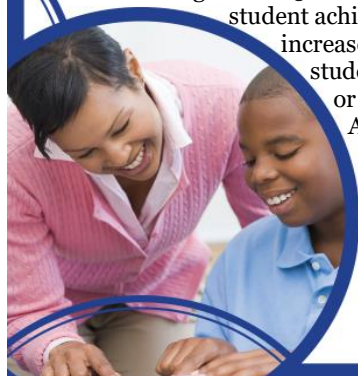
4-Increase or maintain school climate ratings at each school by utilizing support resources available.

## ***2022-23 WLHS Goals***

**Goal 1:** During the FY23 school year, WLHS will improve student achievement as evidenced by a 3% increase in the percentage of students scoring proficient (3's) or distinguished (4's) on the American Literature, Biology and U.S. History Georgia Milestone Assessments and by the increase of students reading on grade level (stretch band midpoint) as measured by Lexile scores on the American Literature test.

**Goal 2:** During the FY23 school year, WLHS will improve student achievement as evidenced by a 3% increase in the percentage of students scoring proficient (3's) or distinguished (4's) on the Algebra 1 GA Milestone Assessment.

**Goal 3:** During the FY23 school year, WLHS will increase the graduation rate by 2%.



## **Let's Get Together!**

WLHS will host the following events to build capacity for strong family engagement in order to support a partnership among the school, parents, and community for improving student academic achievement. Meetings will be held at various times and in different formats throughout the year. For information on the opportunities listed below, look for flyers, phone calls, and/or emails. Dates and reminders can also be found on the school website or Facebook page.

### ***Open House***

Meet your child's teachers and our friendly school staff.

### ***Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation/Transition Parent and Family Meeting***

Information is provided to 8<sup>th</sup> graders and parents/family as

### ***Rising 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation/Transition Parent and Family Meeting***

Information is provided to 11<sup>th</sup> graders and parents/family as students prepare to transition into their senior year.

### ***12<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent and Family Meeting***

Learn important steps that can help ensure that your child has a successful senior year. Important information such as credits, transcripts, and applications will be shared with 12<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents/family.

### ***Honors Night***

We invite you to share in the recognition of students' academic successes and achievements in May.

### ***FAFSA Meetings***

Applying and preparing for college can be daunting. This meeting will provide information on the application process for financial aid and college loan procedures.

### ***Dual Enrollment Meetings***

Meet with our counselor and representatives from local colleges to see if Dual-Enrollment could be an option for your child.

### ***Work Based Learning Meeting***

Receive information on our Work Based Learning program to determine if this option could be beneficial for your child.

### ***Advisory Committee Meeting***

Come out and support our various CTAE pathways with planning and celebration for their programs of work. These groups are made up of community stakeholders and include businesses and industry in our area.

\*Please keep in mind that you are always welcome to call the school and schedule a meeting at any time. Our students, parents, and family members are a priority to us.



## Parent Resources Available

Link for Online Resources for High School:  
<https://www.lcboe.net/Content2/6> -Click on yellow box and then click on first basket (High School).

Please know that you can contact the school to receive help with various topics. Please come by, call, or send an e-mail. We strive to keep the lines of communication open.

## Parent and Family Engagement

WLHS believes family engagement means that parents and family members participate in regular, meaningful, two-way communication, involving student academic learning and other school activities, ensuring the following:

- Parents and family members play an integral role in assisting with their child's learning.
- Parents and family members are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents and family members are full partners in their child's education and are included on advisory committees and in decision-making processes to assist in the education of their child as appropriate.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

WLHS is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you have any suggestions or concerns about any of our programs planned for this year.

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## WLHS Promise

WLHS will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our goals. We will:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is posted on the school website and Facebook page, and that printed copies are made available.
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff during Professional Learning Communities on strategies to improve communication with parents and family members and to discuss ideas that will increase family engagement, thereby strengthening partnerships within the community.
- ✓ Share information on the 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.
- ✓ Partner with West Laurens Middle, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities through phone messages and social media.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and other appropriate activities to help parents work with their child to improve student achievement.
- ✓ Make available the LCSS Parent and Family Engagement Google Page with games, resources, and other valuable information for parents and students to readily access throughout the school year. Resources include activities for 9th, 10th, and 11th, and 12th grade content as well as graduation and assessment resources. <https://www.lcboe.net/Content2/6>
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school Parent and Family Engagement Plan.
- ✓ Offer support for parents and family members to enhance their educational background.
  - ✓ Provide language translation of materials and documents shared with parents/guardians and family members of students at WLHS upon request.
  - ✓ Provide printed copies of materials and documents upon request.





## Parent and Family Engagement Standards

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

## Community of Learners

WLHS welcomes your comments about ways to further involve our parents and community. To share your thoughts, please complete this form and leave it in the WLHS main office.



## If You Have Questions?

*Please complete this form if you have additional questions.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions please provide us with your comments in the space below and leave this form in the main office of WLHS:

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
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