

WHITE BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Family Engagement Policy and
Plan for Shared Student Success

2021- 2022 School Year

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What is Title I?

White Bluff is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local education efforts. It improves teaching and learning for students. The program provides services to schools based on student economic need. Schools are ranked according to percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunches. 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 with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This plan describes how White Bluff Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement which supports student learning. White Bluff Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents. We want to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that White Bluff 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 revised?

White Bluff Elementary School invites all parents to attend our annual Parent Forum in the spring to revise this family engagement policy, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year by visiting the Parent Resource Center or submitting the same by email, or mail. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey by hand to ask parents for their suggestions, on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our annual Community Resource events.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. White Bluff Elementary will provide full opportunities 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, copies of the plan are given to all students to take home in their communication folders during the first week of school. Throughout the school year, the plan will be posted on the school website and copies are always available in Parent Resource Center.



2021-2022 District Goals

- ◆ TO ENSURE ALL STUDENTS ARE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY
- ◆ TO PROVIDE A SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT IS CONDUCTIVE TO TEACHING AND LEARNING
- ◆ TO MAXIMIZE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF STUDENT SUCCESS
- ◆ TO BUILD PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A PREMIER, STUDENT-FOCUSED WORKFORCE

2021-2022 School Goals

Our efforts will focus on providing reading instruction that will enable students to develop vocabulary, read for meaning, and demonstrate understanding.

Our efforts will focus on providing writing resources and instruction that will support the increased emphasis on writing in all subject classes.

Our efforts will focus on providing math instruction that will allow our students to successfully master grade level requirements in math.

Family/Parent—School Compacts

As part of this plan, White Bluff Elementary and our families will develop a Family/Parent—School Compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop. It 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 the Parent Forum. The family/parent—school compacts are kept on the school website, sent home with each child and kept with the Title I Parent Involvement Facilitator if parents need additional copies.



Let's Soar Together!

White Bluff 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:

Staff Development ~ July 2021 November 2021 January 2022 April 2022

Staff training in the value and utility of parent contributions and how to effectively communicate with parents.

Open House ~ July 30, 2021— Time: 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff.

Title I Annual Parent Meeting ~ August 24, 2021—Time: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our Family engagement policy, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be mailed and posted in the school newsletter, on the school website and local media.

GMAS Parent Information Session for 3rd Grade to 5th Grade Level Parents ~ September 21, 2021

Learn how to prepare your child for the Georgia Milestone Assessment System with interactive activities.

Learn about the latest reading strategies to help your child excel and participate in hands on activities with the latest writing samples and curriculum updates.

Overview of WBES expectations as it relates to the Family Engagement Policy and the Family/Parent School Compact.

Literacy Family Night ~ October 19, 2021

Middle School Transition Information for 4TH AND 5th Grade Level Parents ~ November 9, 2021—Time 6:00 p.m.

Math Family Night ~ January 18, 2022

Kindergarten Orientation ~ March 2022 Date to be Announced

Title I Parent Forum ~ March 15, 2022—Time 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

A forum for parents to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the school-wide plan, Family engagement policy, school-parent compacts and the parental involvement budget.

Eagle's Nest Parent Workshop ~ Date to be Announced

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education, and different resources available to parents, guardians and grandparents.

PLEASE NOTE: Schedule of events are subject to change!

Please visit your Family Resource Center or call your Title I Family Engagement Facilitator for event details and volunteering!

(912) 395-3325, Mrs. Brenda D. Kennedy

Family Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Family/Parent Engagement

White Bluff Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents 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 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.

White Bluff Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan.

White Bluff is Spreading it's Wings!

White Bluff Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important part of the school community 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 school newsletters for all parents.
- Provide periodical trainings for staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, school website, flyers and emails.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Use our Partners in Education and School-community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school family engagement policy.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events, place a suggestion box in the parent resource center and suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- White Bluff Elementary School principal will submit to the district Title I office via email any comments of parents who feel the school improvement plan is not satisfactory.



Parental Involvement Standards

White Bluff 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:

Welcoming All Families / Communicating Effectively

Supporting Student Success

Speaking Up for Every Child / Sharing Power

Collaborating with Community



<https://www.facebook.com/WhiteBluffPTA/>

WBES EAGLE BEACON VOLUNTEERS

White Bluff Elementary invites all parents to join the WBES Eagle Beacon Volunteers Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents, and to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and suggestion box. If you would like to learn more about the WBES Eagle Beacon Team, please contact your Title I Family Engagement Facilitator, Mrs. B. D. Kennedy at (912) 395-3325 or complete the interest form and visit the Family Resource Center, Room 1003

WBES EAGLE BEACON TEAM

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the WBES Eagle Beacon Team
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the WBES Eagle Beacon Team
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates
- How would you like to volunteer? _____

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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 Family Resource Center, Room # 1003:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

Are you a business owner? If so, provide the name of your business & contact information:

