

Family Forum



West Chatham Elementary School

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Getting Ready for the 2024-2025 School Year Title 1 Planning

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Why Family Input Matters

Parents work more closely with their children than other adults can

Parents provide critical input that only they can bring: They know their child better than anyone else.

Involved parents not only help their child, but all children in the school

Parents are the only adults in the educational process who have been and will continue to be deeply involved throughout the child's school career.

While parents may not be educators themselves, they bring their years of experience in other professions and aspect of life to the process.



Family Engagement Budget

Parents of children receiving Title I services shall be involved in the decisions regarding how reserved funds are allotted for family engagement activities.

2024-2025 estimated budget = \$4,275.00



School - Parent Compact

An agreement between parents, students and teachers that explain how a partnership will be formed to make sure all students get the support they need to reach and exceed grade level standards.



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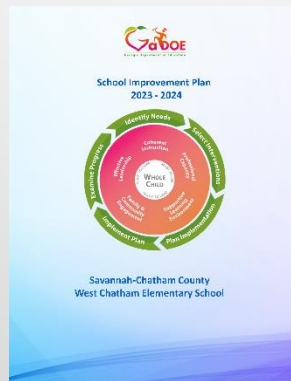
Family Engagement Policy

A school **Family Engagement Policy** is a written policy that contains information related to how the school is expected to interact with parents and specific parent activities that will be held by the school.



School Improvement Plan

A School Improvement Plan is intended to improve the educational programs in a school. The primary goal is to assist all students in meeting and exceeding standards on state curriculum.



Building Staff Capacity

What topics and ways do you feel the schools could go about educating their entire staff in the value of family contributions, how to work with families as equal partners, implement and coordinate family programs, and build ties between parents/families and the school ?

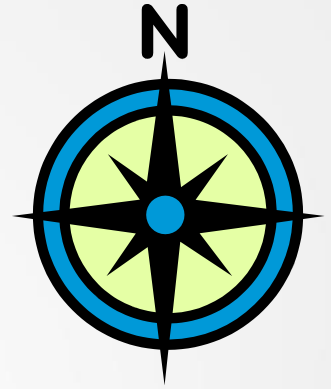


Café Etiquette



1. Focus on what matters
2. Contribute your thinking
3. Listen to understand
4. Link and connect ideas
5. Listen together for insights and deeper questions

Café Discussion Directions



- Join a table
- Review feedback form questions at your table
- Read the document or the document sections
- Discuss as a group
- List your feedback on the provided form
- Leave additional comments on the table
- Move to another group when the signal is given

We Want to Hear From You!

Family Voices at Our School Matter!

