

## What is Parent Engagement Plan?



The GEWES School Plan for Shared Student Achievement is a plan that describes how George E. Washington Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve parent involvement/family engagement to support and enhance student learning. GEWES values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student academic achievement.

The School Plan for Shared Student Achievement describes the various ways that GEWES will support parent involvement/family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

## Who is the Parent Engagement Plan 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. George E. Washington Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

## How is the Parent Engagement Plan Reviewed and Revised?

GEWES welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding this family engagement plan. 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.

Parents can offer feedback by:

- Completing the annual survey online and in writing to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement.
- Attending parent meetings and activities during the school year.
- Communicating with administrative team via email, phone call, in writing or in person.



## Parent 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 Parental Portal and educational resources.

## GEWES Wants YOU

*George E. Washington Elementary believes that parent involvement and family engagement are important to the academic success of each child. In order to achieve this, everyone must work together. GEWES will provide many opportunities for ALL to become involved.*

As a parent/family you can:

- Get involved and be part of your child's education
- Attend workshops to gain skills and knowledge to help your child
- Communicate with your child's teachers-ask questions
- Be involved in the reviewing and revising of school plans
- Find out how you can participate in the decision making process
- Volunteer, your participation is greatly appreciated.

## GEWES School Council

George E. Washington Elementary invites all parents to attend GEWES School Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The Council meets monthly during the school year, but parents can submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website.

## Mission

The Meriwether County Schools is committed to empowering students to aim high, achieve, and graduate.

George E. Washington  
Elementary

## Parent Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success 2017-2018



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George E. Washington Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parent involvement/family engagement program listed in this plan.

If you have suggestions for future parent involvement activities or need additional information or support, please contact:

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## School Family Compact

As part of this Family Engagement Plan, George E. Washington Elementary and our families will develop a School-Family Compact.

The compact is an agreement that families, teachers, and students develop, review, and update annually that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure ALL students reach their academic potential and graduate from high school.

The compact is signed by parents, students, faculty describing how each will be responsible for supporting academic learning.

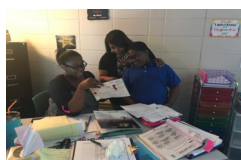
The School Family Compact remains at home to be reviewed by the student and the parent. It will be discussed throughout the school year at different family engagement programs and parent-teacher conferences.

Parents may retrieve a copy of the compact by going to our school website <http://gewes.mcssga.org/>. Additionally, copies will be available at all parent meetings, in the GEWES Parent Resource Center, and front office.

## What is Title I

George E. Washington Elementary is identified as a school-wide Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965(ESEA). This means that we receive federal funds to help all students become academically successful. Title I is designed to support schools in meeting challenging state academic standards and to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teachings and learning for students.

George E. Washington Elementary School family engagement programs will be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement and family engagement. As a Title I school, GEWES will jointly develop with all parents a written parent involvement plan. Parents, guardians, and families will have the opportunity to review the school-wide plan and provide suggestions for improvement.



## GEWES Goals for Student Growth and Achievement

Increase the percentage of students scoring proficient or distinguished on all GMAS tested areas by 10% on the CCRPI.

Increase the students' literacy by 10%

Decrease the number of student discipline referral by 10%

## MCSS District Goals for 2017-2018

Obtain a 3% increase annually (FY18, FY19, FY20) in the percentage of students scoring "*DEVELOPING –or- higher*" on all areas of the Georgia Milestones.

Reach an employee retention rate of 75% by the end of the 2019-2020 school year to ensure the district has effective teachers and leaders to support student achievement.

Increase consistent, relevant and timely communication to stakeholders, the district will use 5 modes of media when communicating information by the end of 2018.

MCSS will use a checklist that includes required actions to monitor organizational systems quarterly to ensure operations support the learning environment.

## GEWES is Continually Improving

GEWES is committed to building parent capacity in order to help all children be academically successful. To achieve this, we will:

Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is available in the language of our families. Translations available upon request. Provide information to parents to help them understand the school's academic standards and assessments.

Communicate with all families regularly regarding student progress, parent workshop/trainings, and other parent programs via phone messages, text messaging, social media, email, and flyers.

Work with parents to develop professional development trainings and helpful presentations to educate faculty & staff on the importance of family engagement and communication.

Provide necessary materials for parent at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement.

Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school family engagement plan and program/activities.

## Let's Get Together!

George E. Washington Elementary School 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. All meetings for parents and family members will be held twice during the day: in the morning before school and in the evening after 4:00pm.

**Open House August 8**  
Meet your child's teacher, get supply, greet the administrators, and register if you are new to GEWES

**Annual Title I Meeting & Curriculum Night August 31**  
Learn information about our Title I Program includes well as parent involvement plan, school compact, school wide plan and parents' right to know.

**Grandparents Day Luncheon September 8**  
Create memories with your grandchild while enjoying a delicious lunch.

**Fall Festival October 31**  
A day of fun activities with family and friends

**Donuts with Dad**  
A thank you to our dads for your commitment to your child's learning

**Holiday Hop December 19**  
A school dance for kids to enjoy for the holiday.

**Valentine Dance February 2**

**Real People Read February 28**  
*Please join us as volunteers come out to read to our children.*

**Muffins with Mom May 11**  
A thank you to our moms for your commitment to your child's learning

**EOY Testing Celebration May 21**