

**Walker Elementary School
Parent/Family Engagement Plan
for Shared Student Success
2017-2018 School Year**



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What is Title I?

Walker Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts 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 parent/family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents/families a written parent/family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Walker Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent/family engagement to support student learning. Walker Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents/families in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Walker Elementary will support parent/family engagement and how parents/families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed? Walker Elementary School welcomes parent/family input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent/family feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents/families to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by handouts sent home with students to ask parents/families for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent/family engagement. Parents/families can also give feedback during our annual Title I meeting and various other meetings throughout the year.

Who is it 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. Walker Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents/families with limited English, parents/families with disabilities, and parents/families of migratory children.

Where is it available? It is sent home to all students. The packet also includes the Parent-Compact and Parent/Family Engagement Board Policy Plan. Parents/Families may also retrieve a copy of the plan from our school front office, or school website

www.walker-es.com

**Walker Elementary School
Promoting Lifelong Learning**

2017-18 District Goals

- ✓ Long County Schools will increase the percentage of students scoring proficient or above 3% on the 2017-2018 GA Milestones.
- ✓ Long county Schools will improve student learning and educational opportunities annually for all students by employing 100% professionally qualified teachers.

2017-18 School Goals

- ✓ Walker Elementary School will improve teacher effectiveness and student engagement through PLC's (Professional Learning Communities).
- ✓ Walker Elementary School will implement an incentive program to improve student and staff attendance.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Walker Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that 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 Title I meetings and Advisory Team meetings. The school-parent compacts are kept in the Walker Elementary front office or can be obtained online at www.walker-es.com

Let's Get Together!

Walker Elementary will host the following events to build capacity for strong parent/family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents/families, and the community to improve student academic achievement:

Open House - July 28th 2017

- ✓ Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Technology Night- August 17@HS Computer Room

- ✓ Learn all about Google Classroom , Powerschool, Moby Max and more. Hands-on instruction and time for question/answers.

Spanish Speaking Technology Night- August 10, 2017@Annex

- ✓ Learn all about Google Classroom, Powerschool, Moby Max and more . Learn from hands-on Spanish speaking instructors.

Pre-K Orientation- September 6, 2017

- ✓ Parents/families of our Pre-K program are invited to come out and learn more about the program and how to encourage these students at home.

Bingo Night for Grandparents - September 7th 2017

- ✓ Let us celebrate our Grandparents. Grandparents will join students in classrooms for fun and snacks.

WES Community Fun Day/ Title I Meeting- September 16th 2017

- ✓ We invite you to learn all about the curriculum your children are learning, meet and speak with teachers, and learn about Title I.

Fall /Spring Book Fair

- ✓ Help fuel your child's love of reading

Mad Scientist Night- November 16th 2017

- ✓ Parents/families are invited to come learn more about Science and participate with hands on demonstrations that could bring the Mad Scientist out in anyone.

ESOL Parent Night- December 2017

- ✓ We invite ESOL parents/families to come learn current and helpful information about the ESOL Program.

4th Grade Picnics for Parents - Spring

- ✓ Learn helpful information to prepare for the school year.

5th Grade Picnics for Parents - Spring

- ✓ Learn helpful information to prepare for the school year

Pre-K Conferences- January & May 2018

- ✓ Parents/families of our pre-k program are invited to come out and see where their child is in regards to transitioning to Kindergarten.

Parental/ Family Engagement

Walker Elementary believes that parent/family engagement means the participation of parents/families in regular two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, which ensures the following:

- That parents/families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That parents/families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- That parents/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.

Walker Elementary is committed to helping our parents/families attend the engagement activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance.

(912) 545-7910

Walker Elementary is Branching Out!

Walker Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents/families 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 both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.**
- ✓ **Conduct staff development on parent/family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents/families.**
- ✓ **Partner with Head Start and Early Reading programs to share school information about parent/family engagement activities that will help prepare parents/families and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.**
- ✓ **Share information in English and Spanish on the school website for parents/families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as PowerSchool access to track their child's progress.**
- ✓ **Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, such as social media, website updates, and flyers.**
- ✓ **Work with our parents/families to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental/ family engagement.**
- ✓ **Provide necessary materials for parents/families at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents/families work with their child to improve their child's achievement.**
- ✓ **Listen and respond to parents/families requests for additional support for parent/family engagement activities.**



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 main office:

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)

Suggestions:

Parent/Family Engagement Standards

Walker Elementary School wants to create a relationship that is engaging to parents/families, 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**

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VOLUNTEER AT SCHOOL!!!!

Walker Elementary School offers various ways for parents/families to volunteer. Let your child's teachers, principal, or counselors know your special skills and ask what you can do to help. In support of student safety, the superintendent requires that all school and administrative offices identify and screen all volunteers in accordance with district guidelines. Please contact Walker Elementary School for more information on volunteering at (912)545-7910.