**Wilkinson Gardens**

**Elementary School**

***Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success***

*2025-2026 School Year*

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**What is Title I?**

Oak Elementary 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 school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards 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 family   
 engagement. All Title I   
 schools must jointly   
 develop with   
 parents and family

members a written  
 parent and family  
 engagement  
 policy.

School Plan for Shared

Student Achievement

**What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Oak Elementary will provide

opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning.

Oak Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents and

family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of

improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that

Oak Elementary will support family 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?**

Oak Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. 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 online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our annual Community Cares event.

**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. Oak Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

**Where is it available?**

At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the student handbook that is given to all students. As a reminder, we will email the plan to all parents in August before the scheduled Open House event. The plan will also be posted on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

**2025-2026 District Goals**

**Student Achievement**

During the 25-26 school year, we will increase student content mastery in tested subject areas on the Georgia Milestones by 6%.

During the 25-26 school year, we will increase post-high school readiness by increasing our graduation rate by 2%.

**Talent Development**

During 25-26, we will increase teacher and support staff retention by 3% through consistent, meaningful employee feedback and evaluations.

**Safe & Secure Learning Environment**

During the 25-26 school year, we will reduce chronic absenteeism by 3%.

During the 25-26 school year, we will improve the on-time delivery rate of student transportation services by 5%.

2025-2026 School Goals

**By May 2026,** the percentage of students scoring developing to higher on the state EOG reading assessment will increase from 42% to 50%.

**By May 2026,** the percentage of students scoring on grade level or higher on the EOY iReady Math diagnostic will increase from 30% to 40%.

**By May 2026,** the percentage of teachers scoring at level 3 on TKES standard 3 will increase leaders will increase by 5%.

**By May 2026,** a Parent Teacher Organization will be developed and implemented designed to create an increase in parental engagement.

**Let’s Get Together!**

Wilkinson Gardens Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement 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 at 7:00 pm.

***Annual Title I*** ***Meeting– September 11, 2025***

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and the requirements for parents.

***Academic Parent Night (K-5th) STEAM- October 9, 2025***

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our school's STEAM program.

***Academic Parent Meeting (K-2nd) - November 13, 2025***

Parents will learn how to support their students academically and discover helpful resources.

***Academic Parent Night (K-5th) ELA – December 11, 2025***

Parents will learn how to help develop the students' interest in STEAM.

***Academic Parent Night (3rd - 4th) - January 8, 202***

Parents will learn how to help their students with academics, and they will learn about helpful resources.

***Academic Parent Night (5th)- February 26, 2026***

Parents will learn how to support their students academically and discover helpful resources.

***Input and Revision Meeting – March 12, 2026***

A forum for parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.

***Academic Parent Night (Testing Tips) - April 2, 2026***

Parents will learn how to support their children as they prepare for the end-of-year diagnostic and state testing.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Wilkinson Gardens Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop 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

Community Cares event and

the School Forum. The

school-parent compacts

also are shared with

parents during

parent-teacher

conferences and

kept with each child’s

teacher if parents

need another copy.

Wilkinson Gardens Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with resources in order to

participate in our programs.

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**Wilkinson Gardens Elementary is Branching Out!**

Wilkinson Gardens Elementary 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 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, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
* Provide monthly training for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
* Partner with early childhood programs*,* middle and high schools, 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.
* Share information in English and Spanish on the school blog and in the school newsletter 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.
* Communicate with all families and the community regularly regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
* Work with our parents to develop relevant training 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 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's parent and family engagement policy.
* Offer literacy and computer classes for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels.
* Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building, and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents’ requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

**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 Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday (8:20 – 3:10)

Parent and Family Engagement

Wilkinson Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

* Parents will play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning.
* Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school.
* Parents 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.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Wilkinson Gardens 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:

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

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Wilkinson Gardens Elementary invites all parents to join the PTA to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with the school, families, and the community. During the school year, parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as email Ms. Jones at jonesni@richmond.k12.ga.us. If you would like to learn more about the PTA, please contact the principal at 706-737-7219.

**Share Your Thoughts**

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy 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)

**Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

* Yes, I am interested and wish to join the PTA
* Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the PTA.
* Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name:

Child’s Name and Grade:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address: