

Youth Middle School

Title I Parental Involvement Plan

2014-2015
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Title I Information

Youth Middle School is identified as a Title I school-wide school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

Title I is created to provide assistance to states and school districts to meet the educational needs of students. The goal of Title I is to provide extra instructional services and activities which support student learning and enhance the teaching environment. The goal of Title I is to include strategies that support parent involvement and utilize research based strategies.

District Goals '14-'15

1. WCSD's **projected** student performance pass rate on the **new ELA Georgia Milestones Assessment** (which includes Reading, ELA, and Writing) for 2015, baseline year is 57%;
2. WCSD's **projected** student performance pass rate on the **new Math Georgia Milestones Assessment** for 2015, baseline year is 53%.

2014-2015 YMS GOALS:

- For the 2015 baseline year of the more rigorous Milestones End-Of-Grade Reading/ELA Test, 46% of all students will achieve a passing score as they apply reading/ELA standards.
- For the 2015 baseline year of the more rigorous Milestones End-Of-Grade Math Test, 39% of all students will achieve a passing score as they apply the Math standards.
- For the 2015 baseline year of the more rigorous Milestones End-Of-Grade Science Test, 38% of all students will achieve a passing score as they apply the Science standards.
- For the 2015 baseline year of the more rigorous Milestones End-Of-Grade Social Studies Test, 39% of all students will achieve a passing score as they apply the Social Studies standards.
- That all students pass rate on the fall 2014 Write Score Writing Assessment will increase by 5% on the spring 2014 Write Score Writing Assessment.

School Plan for Student Success

What is a Title I Parent Plan? The Youth Middle School Title I Parent Plan details how our school will provide opportunities to strengthen parent engagement to support student learning. Youth Middle School values the contribution and importance of parental involvement and believes that educating the youth of tomorrow is a goal achieved through an equal partnership with parents. To achieve the common goal of improving student achievement, this plan details the various ways how YMS will support parent engagement and student academic success.

How is the plan developed? Youth Middle School encourages and welcomes input and comments from parents throughout the school year. Parents will also be notified of opportunities to provide input such as attending quarterly Title I parent meetings held in the school media center and on the Feedback Form posted on the school website and the front office. Parent feedback is used to revise and develop the plan for the next school year. Each year an Annual Parent Survey is provided on-line and paper copies are available in the front office area that parents may complete and offer suggestions, concerns and opinions regarding our school.

Who is the plan for? Youth Middle School is a school-wide Title I school benefiting all students and families under the Title I Program guidelines. Parents and students are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities and resources as detailed in this plan. Youth Middle School welcomes the participation of all families including opportunities for parents and students with limited English, disabilities, and migrant families.

Where is the plan available? Parents may pick copies of the YMS Title I Parent Involvement Plan in the front office area, on the school website, the Title I Message Board, and the front office Parent Resource Center.

Parental Involvement Opportunities at YMS

Youth Middle School believes that parents play a critical role towards student success in school. Parent involvement includes open lines of communication with the school that involve productive conversations concerning student progress and behavioral achievement.

- Parents are encouraged to consistently monitor student's on-line grade book. Parents may contact the school for information on how to access their student's on-line grade book.
- Provide updated addresses, emails, and phone numbers in the school office.
- Check the P.A.G.E.S. (Parent Achievement Guide for Every Student) – School Agenda – for notes from teachers and class assignments.
- Attend teacher-parent conferences and participate in phone conferences.
- Remind their student to take advantage of afterschool tutoring sessions offered by YMS teachers or enroll in the LEAP afterschool program.
- Check homework assignments frequently and encourage reading at home – especially non-fiction or information reading.

School-Parent Compact

With input from parents, students and teachers, Youth Middle School will revise annual the School-Parent Compact. The compact is an agreement between all stakeholders outlining how we will work together to make sure our students meet grade-level standards. Each year, the YMS compact is revised to reflect school changes, goals, and concerns that impact student learning. Compacts are distributed to all students and parents at the beginning of the school year and serves as a valuable tool to engage the school and the home in supporting the academic development and needs of all students.

Be an Informed Parent

All YMS parents will receive information about the school programs, school curriculum and assessment information during the Annual Parent Meeting, Parent-Teacher Conference opportunities and Title I Parent Meetings.

YMS provides the following resources to academically support students and encourage self-motivation:

- ❖ **Read 180** – A computer-based reading remediation course.
- ❖ **21st Century Community Learning Center Grant** – Known as LEAP it is a federally funded after-school program that is designed to provide students a safe place while offering a wide array of programs such as academic support, small group tutoring and enrichment programs that expose students to new skills.
- ❖ **Success through Arithmetic and Reading (STAR) Program** - Saturday remediation in preparation for the Georgia Milestone assessment.
- ❖ **Communities in School (CIS)** – Targets at-risk students with links to community resources.

Parent Involvement Program and Activities Calendar of Events

Get Involved at Youth Middle School

Please visit our school website for calendar updates: www.youthmiddle.org

6th Grade Transition – May 2014

Rising 6th grade students will visit our school and learn about campus life in middle school.

6th Grade Boot Camp – June 2014

Sixth grade students will enjoy the middle school experience with a walk through of a mock school schedule, experience lunch in the school cafeteria, learn how to access school lockers and how to log-in to the Infinite Campus student portal.

Open House – August 2014

7th & 8th grade Open House is held on August 7th. Students will visit their class and meet their teacher. 6th grade Open House is held on August 8th.

English Learners Parent District Meeting at Youth Elementary– September 23, 2014

Parents who are learning the English language are invited to learn about resources and services provided through the Walton County School District.

School Improvement / Parent Plan Feedback Opportunity – August 27, 2014

YMS parents are invited to attend and provide comments and input on the School Improvement Plan and the Title I Parent Involvement Plan revision for the 2013-2014 school year.

Title I Annual Parent Advisory Meeting – September 18, 2014

All YMS parents are invited to attend this meeting to learn about the Title I program including the parent involvement plan, the school compact, and how the Title I program impacts student learning. Parents will receive information about the Common Core Ga. Performance Standards (CCGPS), school goals for the year, and how Title I funds are spent and utilized. Information will be shared with parents regarding Title I updates, 40-day Action Plans, expenditures of Title I funds, school improvement, and curriculum. Parents will be provided an opportunity for comments and to become better informed about our school. All YMS parents are encouraged to attend.

Book Fair – November 3-7, 2014

Support our school book fair and student literacy. Parents and grandparents are invited to eat lunch with their student and visit the fair on the dates listed below. Check with your child about their specific lunch time:

Parent-Teacher Conference Night – October 16, 2014

Updates will be provided on student progress and how parents can support learning at home.

Student of the Quarter – October 29, 2014 for 6th grade & October 30, 2014 for 7th & 8th grade

Recipients are selected by teachers based on student improvement.

Student Art Show –November 18, 2014

Featured student work and creativity.

Awards Night Ceremony – May 5 and 7, 2015

Communication: A Key to Student Success

- ✓ **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Parents may request a conference with their child's teacher by contacting the school to set up an appointment. Conferences provide discussions between parents, students, and teachers based upon academic and/or behavior concerns.
- ✓ **Phone Call-Out System:** Automated phone calls may be sent to YMS households to inform and/or remind parents of upcoming school events and meetings, as well as student activities.
- ✓ **Annual Parent Survey:** Parents will be asked to participate on the Annual Parent Survey in the spring of 2014. These surveys provide an opportunity for parents to provide feedback and comments about their child's education.
- ✓ **Infinite Campus:** Daily contact with teachers can be utilized through the grading and attendance program of Infinite Campus. Parents can continuously monitor student academic progress.
- ✓ **Progress Reports/Report Cards:** Progress reports are issued every 4 weeks during teach quarter through Infinite campus. Report cards are also issued every 8 weeks through Infinite campus. Copies of Report Cards and Progress Reports are also available.
- ✓ **School Website:** The school website is updated weekly with important school information and updates <http://ymsweb.weebly.com/>
- ✓ **P.A.G.E.S. Agenda Books:** School agendas help students organize class and homework assignments. The agendas may also serve as a useful means for parents to send written messages to teachers.
- ✓ **Teacher Webpages:** Parents may monitor class assignment deadlines, projects, homework and other activities taking place in the classroom. Many teacher webpages also provide useful information to support student learning at home.
- ✓ **School Marquee:** The school marquee is updated regularly with current events, messages and reminders for parents.
- ✓ **Local Newspaper:** Community newspapers provide calendar pages for posting school meetings and events.
- ✓ **Individual Phone Calls:** Parents and teachers may communicate through individually placed phone calls. Parents should keep teachers and the school informed of changes to home and cell phone numbers, physical and email addresses and other contact information.
- ✓ **Parent Connection Newsletter:** The Walton County School District publishes a monthly newsletter – Parent Connection Newsletter. Contact the school if you would like to receive an electronic version of the newsletter. Copies of the newsletter are also available in the Parent Resource Center located in the school front office area.
- ✓ **Email:** Parents are encouraged to maintain open lines of communication with their child's teacher through email. This form of communication is the most favored by school staff and parents.
- ✓ **Title I Parent Advisory Meetings:** These meetings are held quarterly. Parents are encouraged to attend to learn about the implementation of the common core standards, the school curriculum, and how students are assessed on what they are learning.
- ✓ **Program and Event Evaluations:** Parents will be provided opportunities to complete program or event evaluations to gauge the effectiveness of the program.

Share Your Thoughts

Your opinions and thoughts are valued at Youth Middle School. If you have any suggestions, comments, and/or concerns, please feel free to complete the bottom portion of this feedback form and return it to the YMS front office staff.

Name: (optional) _____ Phone Number (optional) _____

Comments: _____

