

Parent Involvement Coordinators



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WCS Vision, Mission, & Beliefs

Vision

We envision a responsive school district that is focused on students and that is valued and respected by the community.

Mission

Our mission is to increase student learning by providing students and staff with meaningful, challenging, and engaging educational experiences in a safe and supportive environment.

Beliefs

1. We believe in our school district having an innovative unified focus resulting in it being responsive to the needs of students, parents, and the community at large.
2. We believe that our core business is providing students with engaging, challenging, and meaningful work.
3. We believe that the role of teacher is leader and designer of engaging, challenging and meaningful learning experiences for students.
4. We believe that all of our personnel, parents, and other community members are vital to the education of our students whose attention and commitment must be earned.
5. We believe that all of our students, personnel, and parents deserve a safe, inviting, non threatening learning environment where they are treated with dignity and respect.

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Parent Involvement Program Services

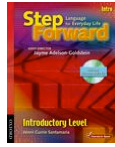


*Engaging Parents
in their
Children's Learning*

Services for Parents in Whitfield County Schools

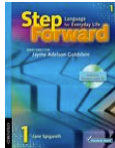
English as a Second Language (ESL) Course – Introductory

This course is designed for parents with beginner or intermediate levels of English proficiency. The classes will meet twice a week throughout the school year. Parents will learn vocabulary and grammar skills. They will also participate in real-life reading and writing activities as well as everyday conversations. Parents will take a placement test to determine whether to take this course or the Level One ESL course.



English as a Second Language (ESL) Course – Level One

This course is designed for parents with intermediate levels of English proficiency. The classes will meet weekly throughout the year. This course is similar to the Introductory ESL course described above, but at a higher level. Parents will take a placement test to determine whether to take this course or the Introductory course.



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Computerized learning units can be checked out for parents to practice English skills. The units use “English for Everyone” language learning books to guide instruction. This program teaches English using work and life skills vocabulary. Pronunciation and cultural tips are used to help apply learning within the context of real-life scenarios. These materials can be checked out as a part of an adult ESL course or they can be used alone. The benefit of these materials is that they allow individuals to learn at their own pace.



Computer Classes

Computer Literacy Course – Level One

This course consists of six sessions which offer a general introduction to the use of computers as tools for communication and learning. No previous computer experience is required. This course builds computer skills so parents can take an active role in their children’s learning. Parents will learn to access school information through websites, email and the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. This course will be offered during fall semester (Oct-Nov). The same course will be offered in Spanish on alternate weeks.



Computer Literacy Course – Level Two

This course consists of six sessions which serve as a continuation of the Level One Computer Literacy Course. Parents should complete Computer Literacy Course Level One or already have basic computer skills before taking this course. Parents will learn how to use PowerPoint, Excel, and upload and store photographs. This course will be offered during spring semester (Jan-Feb). The same course will be offered in Spanish on alternate weeks.



Translation & Interpretation Services

The bilingual Parent Involvement Coordinators (PICs) provide translation and interpretation services in order to facilitate communication between home and school. They translate school documents such as school letters and classroom newsletters. PICs also interpret parent-teacher conferences and school parent meetings such as PTA meetings. In addition, they also translate the information on school websites. If parents need to speak to someone at the school regarding their child, they may contact/call the PIC directly or work through the school to contact the PIC. See the back of this brochure for contact information.

Title I Parent Resources Center

All Whitfield County elementary and middle schools have Parent Resource Centers. Often they are located in the school lobby, office or media center. These centers offer instructional materials for parents to check out, such as DVDs/videos, pamphlets, instructional games, and other learning resources. The goal is for parents to use these materials at home in order to support their children’s learning.



The course is a series of six video-based lessons focusing on specific parenting skills which promote children’s academic success. Parents will engage in follow-up group discussions and learn ways to create a home environment which encourages their children’s learning. The class will meet for one hour every other week. This course will be offered during fall (Sept-Nov) and spring semesters (Jan-Apr). The same course will be offered in Spanish on alternate weeks.