***Herman J. Russell West End Academy***

#### School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

***2023-2024 School Year***

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##### What is Title I?

***Herman J. Russell West End Academy*** *is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeed Act of 2017 (ESSA). Title I is:*

* *A federally funded program which provides services to schools based on student economic needs.*
* *Designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students.*

All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

# School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, **Herman J. Russell West End Academy** and our families will develop a school-parent compact. It is an agreement that explains how parents, teachers and students work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards and are successful.

The compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents/guardians, students and teachers during the school wide Planning meeting and the Annual Title I meeting.

Parents and teachers worked diligently to create compacts that are beneficial for all. A copy of the school- parent compact brochure is distributed to every family to use as a guide during the year.

## School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

##### What is it?

This is a plan that describes how **Herman J. Russell West End Academy** will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. **Herman J. Russell West End Academy** values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that **Herman J. Russell West End Academy** will support parent 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 developed?

**Herman J. Russell West End Academy** invites all parents to attend our Title I Information meeting, School Wide Planning and Budget meeting to review and revise the parental involvement policy, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through surveys, written statements, and face to face contact. 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 parental involvement

##### 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. **Herman J. Russell West End Academy** will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

##### Where is it available?

The plan is posted on the school Website, parent center board, sent home and hand delivered to parents, distributed at the Annual Title I meeting for review. Parents can also retrieve a copy in the Parent Resource Center and in the main office.

#### 2023-2024 District Goal

**Mission**

### Through a caring culture of equity, trust, collaboration, every student will graduate ready for college, career, and life.

**Vision**

**A high-performing school district where students love to learn, educators inspire, families engage, and the community trust the system.**

## 2023-2024 Herman J. Russell West End Academy Smart Goals

1. By May 2024, we will Increase the percentage of Developing and Above Learners on the GA Milestones ELA EOG by: ​​
* 5 percentage points from 37% to 42% Developing+ Learners (6th) ​​
* 5 percentage points from 43% to 48% Developing+ Learners (7th) ​​
* 5 percentage points from 59% to 64% Developing+ Learners (8th) ​
1. By May 2024, we will Increase the percentage of Developing and Above Learners on the GA Milestones Math EOG by: ​​
* 5 percentage points from 33% to 38% Developing+ Learners (6th) ​​
* 5 percentage points from 49% to 54% Developing+ Learners (7th) ​​
* 5 percentage points from 38% to 43% Developing+ Learners (8th) ​
1. Increase Daily Attendance from 57.3% to 62% or higher by May 2024

# Parent Involvement Standards

Herman J. Russell West End Academy and our parents have adopted the National PTO 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 Community*

# Let’s Get Together!

**Herman J. Russell West End Academy** will host the following events to build capacity for strong parental involvement/engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

***Open House – July 2023***

Registration, meet your child’s teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year. Receive valuable information regarding school updates, as well as upcoming parental involvement activities.

***Curriculum Night – August 2023***

***Read with your Grandchild Day 9/ 8/2023***

***Parent Portal Workshop/Meet the Counselors and Parent Liaison – September7, 2023***

***Title I School/PTO – October19, 2023***

Parents participate in discussions with the principal and staff regarding the school wide plan, parental involvement budget and revisions of the parental involvement policy and school-parent compacts. Parents are provided information re: school status, staff qualifications, volunteer activities and community and business partners.

***PTO - Bi-monthly: Oct., Dec., Feb. April***

Important insight from parents; receive school updates, school designation letter, FLP information, etc.

***School-Parent Compact/Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Plan Review/Revision – August 2023***

***Partnership and Parent Day – December 2023***

Introduce parents to the academic curriculum of their student. Showcase of partnerships in the school.

***Parent Workshop (academic, etc.) – monthly Volunteer Day - monthly***

***Principal’s Newsletter - Monthly***

Empowering parents with knowledge, around their student’s education and various topics

 ***Parent & Academic Workshop – Monthly***

Engaging Parents in multiple ways, including academic workshops (some facilitated by students).

***Transition Elementary to High School - March 2024***

***Title I School Spring Input Meeting – April 2024***

*Future Events will be posted on the website, parent center board, flyers, in the main office, text, email, etc.*

**Herman J. Russell West End Academy**

We will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school 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 English and Spanish, posted on the school Web site, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.*
* *Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during grade level meetings, as well as faculty meetings.*
* *Encourage parents to visit the school and volunteer in various ways, i.e., classroom, halls, bus monitor.*
* *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.*

***Parent Resource Center Room: 124***

***Operating Hours are:***

***9am – 3pm***

***Zoom meets are available if necessary. If you have questions: Contact Lelitia Lane, Parent Liaison 404-802-6800*** ***Lelitia.lane@atlanta.k12.ga.us***

# Parent and Family Engagement

Herman J. Russell West End Academy believes that parent and family engagement mean the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

* *That parents play a role in assisting their child’s learning.*
* *Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school and home.*
* *That parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included 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.*

***Family Engagement Committee***

***Would you like to see a Family Engagement Committee developed at HJRWEA Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_***

***Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings***

***Please print…***

***Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***Child’s Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***Best time to contact me: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_