



Valdosta High School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan

School Year

2018-2019

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School Information

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What is Title I?

Valdosta High School is identified as a Title I school as part of the (ESSA) Every Student Succeeds Act. Title I is designed to support State and local school reform 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

Description of Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Vision: *Valdosta High School Family-School Partnership Program will engage all parents/guardians in the educational process and create a collaborative effort between the home and school to help students achieve.*

Mission: *Valdosta High School Family-School Partnership Program will create multiple opportunities for all parents/guardians to become involved in their child's education which will increase student achievement, lower dropout rates, increase graduation rates and create students who graduate from Valdosta High School college and career ready for post- secondary options.*

- *Planning for the Family-School Partnership Plan begins at the end of each school year at the parent advisory meeting to make plans for the next fiscal year. All parents are invited to this annual May advisory meeting and asked to give suggestions for engagement activities and the parent compact in the upcoming school year.*
- *Data is received from the annual parent evaluations that are sent home with students and available online each April . This feedback is used to further include information about what parents need/want to support academic learning at VHS.*
- *VHS serves students at the local Methodist Home. These caretakers are invited to all parent meetings and to the advisory by parent connect, notes sent home with students, Facebook posts and remind 101 texts. Input from these stakeholders helps VHS to better serve these youth and make a direct connection with the caregivers and the school.*
- *Once a draft of the plan is completed, several meetings are held to allow parents to view the plan and make suggestions: Open House, Stakeholder/Parent Meeting, and PTO. The plan is available on the VHS website, in two parent resource centers (Guidance Lobby), and in the Parent Media Section of the Media Center.*
- *Parents are asked to complete stakeholder feedback forms about the plan.*

Section 1118 (b)(1), (c)(3) and (f)

School Goals

- VHS will increase the four year cohort graduation rate average to meet identified targets: * All Students From 83% to 85% * SWD From 72% to 75%.
- VHS will improve academic achievement to meet identified lexile targets:
 - *80% of 9th Grade Lit students will achieve a lexile level at or above 1100
 - *80% of 9th Grade Lit SPED students will achieve a lexile level at or above 1100
 - *80% of 9th Grade Lit Honors students will achieve a lexile level at or above 1450
 - *80% of American Lit students will achieve a lexile level at or above 1275
 - *80% of American Lit SPED students will achieve a lexile level at or above 1275
 - *80% of American Lit Honors students will achieve a lexile level at or above 1500

School-Parent Compacts

The school-parent compact is planned with the parent advisory committee in the annual May meeting. Revisions are completed after the district data retreat to include district and school goals. The compact is available in the two resource centers and parent media section of the media center. The compact is presented to the teachers and leadership team; parents at Open House, PTO and Stakeholder Review Meeting for feedback before the final revision is sent home for parents, students and teachers to sign. The compact is referenced in parent-teacher conferences and other meetings to describe the responsibilities of each party to increase student achievement.

Section 1118 (d)

Family-School Partnership Program and Activities

The annual Title 1 meeting is held prior to a well-attended parent involvement activity at the school to insure parents will attend. The meeting is a separate meeting with a separate agenda. Parents are notified of the meeting through parent connect, notices sent home, the VHS website, system calendar, marquee, remind 101 and Facebook. Other planned parent events to increase parent engagement to support learning, graduation and college and career readiness are:

Section 1118 (c)(1)(2) and (e)(1)(2)(5)

Planned Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mon. July 30, 2018	Parking Decals, Lockers, Football Season Passes 12 th Graders All Grades	9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00	Athletics Lobby
Mon. August 6, 2018	9-12 Open House	1:00-3:00	VHS
Tues. August 21, 2018	SIP/PIP/Parent Compact Stakeholder Review	4:30-5:00	VHS Data Room
Tues. August 21, 2018	PTO Meeting/Parent Advisory	5:00-6:00	VHS Data Room
Mon. August 22, 2018	Peach State College Tour	6:00-8:00	Lowndes HS.
Thurs. September 6, 2018	IB Parent Night	6:00-7:30	VHS Data Room
Thurs. September 6, 2018	PROBE College Fair	6:00-8:00	Lowndes HS. Gym
Thurs. September 13, 2018	JR/SR Parent Meeting & Financial Aid Night	5:00-6:30	VHS Data Room
Tues. September 18, 2018	Nat. Father Figure Take Your Student to School Day	7:30-8:30 AM	VHS Data Room
Tues. September 18, 2018	AVID Parent Night	6:00-7:00	VHS Data Room
Tues. October 2, 2018	PTO Meeting/Parent Advisory	5:00-6:00	VHS Data Room
Tues. October 2, 2018	Title 1 Meeting	6:00-7:00	VHS Data Room
Thurs. November 8, 2018	College Ready Parent Lunch & Learn	11:00-1:00	VHS Cafeteria & Data Room
Tues. January 15, 2019	PTO Meeting/Parent Advisory	5:00-6:00	VHS Data Room
Thurs. January 24, 2019	10 th Advanced Programs Night	6:00-7:00	VHS Data Room
Thurs. January 24, 2019	Move On When Ready (MOWR)	7:00-8:00	VHS Data Room
Thurs. February 7, 2019	7 th -9 th Advanced Programs Night	6:00-7:30	VHS Data Night
Tues. February 26, 2019	8 th Grade Registration Night	5:00-6:00	VHS Data Room
Tues. March 19, 2019	PTO Meeting	5:00-6:00	VHS Data Room
Tues. May 7, 2019	Honors Night	6:00-8:00	TBA
TBA	Graduation	TBA	TBA

Definition of Parental Engagement

Parent involvement is the many efforts to connect the home to the school and engage the parents in the learning process. All resources and activities are designed for parents to support the school in providing high quality instruction to a diverse learning population with the goal of graduation with a student's cohort and being prepared for college and career ready post-secondary options.

Support

Parents are informed of activities and resources through parent connect, notices sent home, the website, Facebook, remind 101, and the marquee.

Section 1118 (c)(2)

School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

- *Various meetings are held during the school year to explain the curriculum and assessments such as: Junior/Senior College night, 8th grade registration night, AVID night and open house. Parents are provided additional resources to aid in student academic success in two convenient parent resource centers and a parent media section. Parents are encouraged to schedule parent conferences, check grades using the parent portal and discuss progress checkpoints every 4.5 weeks as grades are sent home.*
- *Professional Learning is provided to teachers and other staff members on how to increase parent engagement during professional learning days held periodically during teacher's planning. Faculty and staff members are provided with parent engagement information through email and direct links to parent trainings provided by GADOE. Teachers are encouraged to communicate with parents and document this communication by providing printed syllabi, parent-teacher conferences, updated websites, emails, phone calls and supplemental information sent home to aid in study and preparation for learning and assessments. Teachers are available during their planning periods, before and after school in order to meet with parents to discuss grades, assessments and strategies parents can employ to increase academic success.*
- *Additional training is provided to the parent coordinator with monthly meetings with the school district as well as attending other parent engagement related meetings/conferences.*
- *High school transition strategies are presented to parents at an 8th grade registration meeting, 9th grade orientation, and Cat CAMP summer transition program*
- *Parents are encouraged to connect with their student's individual graduation plan (IGP).*
- *Post-Secondary planning for college and career readiness activities are planned for parents at events such as: PROBE, Financial Aid Night, Move on When Ready, , Advanced Program's nights, and College Ready Lunch and Learns.*
- *Parents are asked for feedback on Plan, Compact and % of funds designated to Parent Involvement. Forms are located in the Resource Centers and Parent Media Center.*

Section 1118 (c)(4), (e)(1),(3),(4)and (5)

Parent Engagement Standards

Parents, schools, families, and communities working together can create meaningful partnerships that ultimately lead to significant gains across the board in student achievement. The following Parent Involvement Standards will be implemented to create meaningful partnerships:

1. Communicating
2. Parenting
3. Student Learning
4. Volunteering
5. School Decision Making and Advocacy
6. Collaborating with the Community

Discretionary Components

VHS PTO reaches out to all parents and invites them to be actively involved in supporting the school to enhance learning. PTO is open to faculty, staff and parents and brings a collaborative discussion on how to increase parent engagement.

Section 1118 (e)(9)

This plan is available on the website, parent resource centers (2) and Parent Media Section for parent comments.

Section 1118 (e)(6)-(13).

Parent Advisory Council

A Parent Advisory council is established to advise the parent involvement coordinator of parent needs to support the school in learning. The meetings are open to all faculty, staff and parents to attend and are held following PTO meetings with a separate agenda in order to accommodate parent schedules and multiple meeting requests of our parents. ALL Parents are invited to attend both meetings.

Section 1118 (e)(12)

Evaluations of parenting events are provided at events to evaluate and better improve the services provided to parents to connecting the home to school learning process.

Section 1118 (e)(6)-(13).

Parent Comments

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 front office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____
