

West Side Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 2020 Online virtual meeting

Invited: All Parents, Guardians, Faculty, Staff, Students

Due to the pandemic we were unable to have families inside the building. Therefore, we made the information available through our website. Families were invited to view the power point through text and in a flyer. Paper copies of the power point were sent home and it will remain on the website. We also have copies available throughout the school. Included in the presentation and pamphlet are the following topics:

What is a Title I school and what are the requirements? West Side participates in a Title I Schoolwide Program which means WSE receives extra funding to help improve the academic environment for all students. Title I programs often provide additional staff, professional development for staff, and parent and family engagement opportunities.

What does WSE do with Title I money? The presentation indicated how West Side is spending its Title I funds this year. The money is used for technology resources and provides an Academic Coach and Parent Involvement Coordinator.

What are our school goals?

- Increase the percentage of students who score in the developing learner or better categories in ELA by three percentage points on the GA Milestones.
- Increase the percentage of students who meet the grade level stretch band (Lexile score) by three percentage points on the GA Milestones.

What programs/supports are in place to help my child?

- Reading and Math interventionist.
- Computer and technology software to support reading and math instruction.
- Student progress will be monitored throughout the school year. Interventions will be provided for students who do not master all the elements of the standard during the school day and after school.

What about Curriculum and Tests?

Catoosa County Schools use the state adopted standards as the basis of curriculum. Currently, the adopted curriculum is the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE).

Does my child's teacher meet professional qualifications?

All teachers at West Side Elementary are highly qualified in the content area they are teaching.

As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined by ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you.

How do parents lodge complaints?

Parents should bring school complaints to our principal, Robert Mountjoy. He can be contacted by phone at (706)866-9211 or by email at rmountjoy@catoosa.k12.ga.us.

Parents should bring Title I complaints to Gina Haynes, Catoosa County Schools Title I Coordinator. She may be contacted at (706)965-2297 or ghaynes@catoosa.k12.ga.us.

If you would like any further information about our Title I program, the Annual Meeting or Family Engagement please contact our Parent Involvement Coordinator, Stephanie Bower at sbower.wse@catoosa.k12.ga.us.