

Macon County Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2019-2020 School Year

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No Excuses, No Exceptions

What is Title I?

Macon County Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written engagement policy.

SCHOOL PLAN FOR SHARED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Macon County Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Macon County Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Macon County Elementary will support family 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 revised?

Macon County Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual Comprehensive Needs Assessment Meeting in the Fall to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. 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 family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our annual Community Cares event.

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. Macon County Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan is posted on the school website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2019-20 District Goals

To increase the number of students scoring at developing or proficient on the Georgia Milestone Assessment by 3% in all content areas.

2019-20 School Goals

On the 2019 CCRPI report, increase the CCRPI performance indicator in English/Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics by 3 percent.



SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACTS

As part of this plan, Macon County Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Comprehensive Needs Assessment Meeting and the Community Outreach Resource Fair. Also, the compacts are shared with parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.



Let's Get Together!

Macon County Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student achievement. All meetings for parents and family members will be held twice during the day in the morning before school and in the evening at 6:00 p.m.

Open House – August 2, 2019

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

PTO Meeting – Quarterly

Participate and support school activities.

Science and Social Studies Night – September 23, 2019

Learn about Science and Social Studies curriculum as well as how to make fun projects at home. Students demonstrate science experiments.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – October 9, 2019 & January 6, 2020

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Grandparent's Day Celebration – September 6, 2019

Resources are distributed and luncheon is held.

Annual Title I Meeting – October 29, 2019

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be emailed and posted in the school newsletter, social media, and local media.

English/Language Arts (ELA) and Math Night – December 9, 2019

Learn about ELA and math curriculum and how to make math fun at home.

Georgia Milestones Preparation – February 24, 2020

Learn about resources and test-taking tips.

Student of the Month Luncheon – Monthly

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education while eating lunch with students.

Parent Appreciation – April 23, 2020

A celebration of family engagement and the recognition of its impact on school and student success.

School Forum – May 6, 2020

A forum for parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the school-wide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.

Macon County Elementary is Reaching Out!

Macon County Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order 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 both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- ✓ Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website 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.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, through the school website, Shout Point messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
 - ✓ Use our Partners in Education and PAW Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
 - ✓ Offer referral services through community partners for literacy and computer classes for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels.
 - ✓ Conduct surveys and share your thoughts opportunities to collect feedback from parents and family members in order to gather input and suggestions on family engagement activities.

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Macon County Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, 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.

Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 2:30 pm



PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT STANDARDS

Macon County Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA 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

PAW TEAM

Macon County Elementary invites all parents to join the **Parents At Work (PAW)** to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the PAW Team, please contact our School-Level or District Parent Coordinator at (478) 472-7221 or complete the interest form at the Computer Kiosk at the front office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL TEAM

Macon County Elementary invites parents to volunteer to become a part of the School Council. The School Council meets quarterly after-school to gather input from teachers and parents on school improvement and parental engagement. For more information, please contact Mr. Robert James, Jr. at 478-472-7221 or via email at rjames@macon.k12.ga.us.

School Community Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the PAW Team.
- Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the PAW Team.
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy 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 Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

