

Menlo Elementary School

*Parental Involvement Policy
and Plan for Shared Student
Success. 2017-2018 School
Year*

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What is Title 1?

Menlo Elementary is identified as a Elementary Title 1 school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title 1 is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title 1 programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title 1 schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement What is it?



This is a plan that describes how Menlo Elementary provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. MES values the contributions and improvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that MES 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 REVISED

Menlo Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement 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 web site 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 to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents 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 1, Party A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. MES will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children. MES is funded through Title 1 School Wide program.

Where is it available ?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is distributed to all students and parents. As a reminder, we will distribute to all parents in August before the scheduled Annual Title 1 meeting. The plan will also be posted on the school website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center, at CCEC, or in the front office of MES

School Parent Compacts

As part of this plan MES 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 community cares event and parent surveys. The school parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Let's Get Together!

Menlo Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

July- Middle School Transition and Kindergarten Transition

August- 2nd Meet and Greet

Annual Title 1 Meetings-

September- Grandparent Ice cream social and Open House "Taste of Curriculum".. Enjoy tasty snacks and learning about the curriculum standards for each grade level.

(Teachers give out snack and curriculum)

October-Family Math Night. Glow Run- to support wellness school goals this will allow parents, students and community members to experience a fun run through the community at night!

November- Veterans Day Program, Parent Engagement Month, National Parent Day , Kindergarten Thanksgiving Breakfast and Play, Thanksgiving Lunch for grades 4-8

December-Christmas Parent and Student Luncheon grades K-3rd

January- Technology Talk catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning. (Google Classroom)

February-Parent Leadership Spaghetti Dinner and Family Science Night

March-Family Social Studies Night Night at the Museum , GMAS Parent Prep Rally, Community Care Collaboration

APRIL- Parent School Forum-

The school Forum is for parents to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the school wide plan, parental involvement policy, school-parent compacts and the parental involvement budget.

May- Color Run



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to view 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, 7:30am-5:30pm
286 Maple Drive, Summerville, Ga 30747*

Parental Involvement

MES believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents 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.

MES is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our program

706-862-2323..

Menlo Elementary is Branching Out!

MES will take the following measures to promote and support parents 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, face book site and included in the school classroom.
- Provide monthly 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 regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Partner with Head start and Early Reading programs by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- Share information in English and Spanish on the school face book website, newsletter and parent conference 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. The GMAS Parent Prep Rally informs parents of assessment requirements and format concerning the Georgia Milestones.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- 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 Parent School Council and Scholl-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input card around the building and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents request for additional support for parental involvement activities.

Parental Involvement Standards

MES and our parents have adopted the National PTO Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the schools 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



School Community Team

Menlo Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents 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 School Community Team, please contact Parent Involvement Coordinator's: Crystal Elrod, Tracey Reynolds @ 706/857/4905 or complete the interest form and leave it in the main office.

School Community Team

- a) Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team.
- b) Please contact me so I can learn more joining the School Community Team
- c) Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address _____

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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 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 Main office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____
