



McIntosh County Middle School

Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2016–2017 School Year

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What is Title I?

McIntosh County Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I 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 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 parental involvement policy.

SCHOOL PLAN FOR SHARED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

What is the Parent Involvement Policy?

The Parent Involvement Policy is a plan that describes how McIntosh County Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. McIntosh County Middle School 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 McIntosh County Middle School 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?

McIntosh County Middle School will update the school parent involvement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of our parents and the school. The Parent Involvement Policy will be placed on the school website, made available at the Annual Title I Parent Information Night in the fall. It will be given to parents during the fall and spring Parent Teacher Conferences, PTA, School Council, and other scheduled parent involvement events for review. It will also be made available at the front office when requested and placed in the Parent Resource Center. When parents are presented with the policy, they will be asked to read and review the policy and complete a “Suggestion/Input Survey.” All MCMS parents will be given the opportunity to give their input and suggestions through an annual spring survey and a spring parent revision meeting. All suggestions and input, satisfactory and unsatisfactory, will be reviewed by the MCMS administration before the final adoption of the new parent involvement policy. After the revision, the final policy will be adopted and distributed to parents via the school’s website, front office, and Parent Resource Center.

Who is it for?

As a Title I School, all students and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. McIntosh County Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is presented at the Annual Title I Meeting. The plan will also be sent out via our School Reach Communication System, posted on our school website, made available if requested in the front office, and placed in the Parent Resource Center.

2016–17 District Goal

All schools in the district will strive to increase parental involvement:

“Parents who are engaged in schools and student learning.”

2016–17 School Goals

McIntosh County Middle School’s Goals for 2016-2017 are to improve students’:

- Writing skills in all content areas and in preparation for constructive response portion of the state assessment.
- Vocabulary skills in all contents are as with a focus on science, social studies, and testing terms.
- Attendance rates because students achieve more when they are present.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACTS

As part of this plan, McIntosh County Middle School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement 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 through parent surveys, parent events, and the Spring Revision Meeting. The school-parent compacts will be sent home with every student for signatures, posted on the website, made available in the front office if requested and located in the Parent Resource Center.

Let’s Get Together!

McIntosh County Middle School 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.

Annual Title I Meeting

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents’ requirements. Announcements will be posted on the school website, monthly calendar, sent via School Reach, published in both the local and social media.

Open House

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

Curriculum Nights

A focus on specific content area or projects. Students and parents visit classrooms for more information

Parent-Teacher and Student Conference Night (1st and 2nd Semester)

Scheduled updates on your child’s progress.

Fall/Spring Sports Award Banquet

Parents, students and the community are invited to celebrate the accomplishments of our student athletes.

Academic Awards Night

Outstanding students are recognized for academic excellence.

Parent Involvement Policy and School-Parent Compact Revision District Meeting

Parents are invited to review our district and school parent involvement policies and school-parent compact to give input for our revision process. They will enjoy a night of entertainment performed by our students.

Katz-Whittle Awards Night

Parents are invited to attend our ceremony recognizing students, teachers, and staff members who demonstrate outstanding character by following the Golden Rule.

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 8:00 – 4:00pm

Or per appointment

Contact: Tonya Armstrong (912) 324-9028

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

McIntosh County Middle School believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, 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.

McIntosh County Middle School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

(912) 324-9028 or

tarmstrong@mcintosh.k12.ga.us

McIntosh County Middle School is Branching Out!

McIntosh County Middle School 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 (if requested), posted on the school Web site, and included in the monthly school calendar, posted on School Marquee, sent to parents via School Reach and REMIND for all parents.
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement through District Administrative/Principal meetings, Leadership Team meetings, Grade Level Team meetings, and Staff Emails. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty/staff meetings.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and parent meeting materials (translated in their native language if requested) 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 Reach automated call/email system, social media, flyers, school marquee, Remind, and monthly calendars.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Offer technology training through the Parent Resource Center and provide access to a WIFI Bus for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels. The Parent Center will contain computers and valuable resources and materials (booklets, printouts, parent guides, etc.), for parents to access to help them work with their children as well as information regarding the Title I program. The WIFI Bus will be available at designated areas staffed with a certified teacher for parents to work with their student in completing homework and research.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PTA

McIntosh County Middle School invites all parents to join the School Council and/or PTA to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. These teams will meet at various 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 Council and/or MCMS PTA, please contact the principal at (912)437-6685 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

MENTORING PROGRAM **100 MEN OF MCINTOSH**

This mentor program is made up of volunteers from the community who must go through a training process and have a background check through the local Sheriff's Office.

The purpose of this mentoring program is to provide support for students that will empower them to become independent, self-sufficient, and confident students.



MCMS School Council, PTA, and Mentoring Program

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the MCMS School Council
- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the MCMS PTA
- Mentoring Program (100 Men of McIntosh)
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the MCMS School Council.
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the MCMS PTA.
- Please contact me so I can learn more about becoming a mentor for MCMS.
- 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 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) _____

