

2019 - 2020
Parent & Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success

Manchester High School

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**MHS Wants
YOU to be
involved!**

Manchester High School believes that parent & family engagement are important to the academic success of each child. In order to achieve this, everyone must work together and MHS will provide many opportunities for ALL to become involved.

As a parent/family what can I do?

- ❖ Get involved & be part of your child's education.
- Attend workshops to gain skills and knowledge in order to help your child.
- ❖ Communicate with your child's teachers ~ ask questions.
- Be involved in the reviewing and revising of school plans.
- Find out how you can participate in the decision making process.
- Volunteer ~ your presence and participation are greatly appreciated.

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**Communication between
School & Home**

At MHS, many forms of communication are used to share information about student learning. These forms include:

Fall Open House	Spring Open House
Emails	Social Media
REMIND	Phone calls
Conferences	Text messages
Parent Portal	School Website
Parent Resource Center	



For more information visit the Parents link and the Counselor's link on our school website.

<http://mhs.mcssga.org>

What is Title I?

Manchester High School is a school-wide Title I high school. This means that we receive federal funds to help all students become academically successful. Title I is designed to support schools in meeting challenging state academic standards and to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students.

Manchester High School parent Involvement programs and family engagement workshops are based on improving student academic achievement and building parent capacity. As a Title I school, MHS will jointly develop with all parents/families a written parent involvement plan. Parents/families will also have the opportunity to review the school-wide plan and provide any suggestions.

2019 – 2020 Goals Manchester High School

1. Increase the number of students scoring proficient or distinguished on the Georgia Milestones End of Course Assessments in all core subjects
2. Reduce the number students absent 6 days or more by 15%
3. Increase parent involvement by 25%
4. Retain highly qualified personnel

2019 – 2020 Goals Meriwether County School System

1. MCSS will obtain a 3% increase annually in the percentage of students scoring “DEVELOPING –or- higher” on all areas of the Georgia Milestones.
2. MCSS will reach an employee retention rate of 75% by the end of the 2019-2020 school year to ensure the district has effective teachers and leaders to support student achievement.
3. MCSS will use multiple modes of communication to increase consistent, relevant and timely communication to stakeholders by the end of 2020.
4. By the end of 2020, MCSS will use departmental monitoring protocols that include tools, actions and timelines to analyze organizational effectiveness quarterly, to ensure operations support the learning environment.

Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

It is a plan that describes how MHS will provide opportunities to promote parent and family engagement to support student learning. We value the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student academic achievement.

How is it reviewed and revised?

The process begins in the spring and continues throughout the school year. All stakeholders are provided multiple opportunities to review and provide feedback and suggestions.

- Surveys
- All parent meetings
- School website feedback form
- District-wide parent meeting

How Do I Get One?

- ***Fall Semester Open House in August***
- ***Spring Semester Open House in January All grade level and parent meetings Our school website***
- ***Parent & Family Engagement Coordinator***
- ***Parent Resource Room at MHS School counselor and registrar***

Who is it for?

The Parent Engagement Plan is for ALL parents and families of MHS students. All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. MHS will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

MHS is Continually Improving...

MHS is committed to building parent capacity in order to help all children be academically successful. To achieve this,

We will –

Ensure that all information is available in the format and language of our families' newsletters, website & other student information. Translations are available upon request.

Provide information to parents to help them understand the school's academic standards & assessments.

Communicate with all families on a regular basis regarding student progress, parent workshops/trainings, and other parent programs. Multiple tools will be used to communicate with families such as phone messages, text messaging, social media, email, and flyers.

Work with parents to develop professional development trainings and helpful presentations to educate faculty & staff on the importance of family engagement and communication.

Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement.

Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parent involvement plan and programs / activities.

Offer parent classes to help further enhance their various educational backgrounds.

Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent involvement and family engagement opportunities.

WE ARE MANCHESTER!

Let's Get Together!

MHS 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. Most meetings for parents and family members will be held twice – in the evening and at lunch on the following day.

Fall Semester Open House* *July 31, 2019

Come meet our staff and find out about what's happening this school year at MHS. Students can pick up their schedules and class syllabi; sign up for clubs and parents can join our MHS Parent Engagement Team.

Infinite Campus 101* *August 2019

Learn to access your child's grades, attendance, and class assignments via the student information system.

Parent Academy* *August 2019

Join us to learn about technology, successful study skills at home, homework resources, and effective communication between parents and teachers.

9th & 10th Grade Parent Orientation* *August 2019

Come learn about grade specific testing, promotion requirements, and ways to support your student's learning. Counselor will provide information about graduation requirements and more.

11th & 12th Grade Parent Orientation* *August 2019

Come learn about grade specific testing, promotion requirements, and ways to support your student's learning. Counselor will provide information about graduation requirements, HOPE scholarship, dual enrollment, NCAA, college admission tests, scholarships and more.

Annual Title I Meeting* *September 2019

A time to learn & share information about our Title I program including our Parent and Family Engagement Plan; School-Parent compact; and the Schoolwide Improvement Plan; and other important meeting dates.

Trunk or Treat* *October 31, 2019

Drop by MHS on Halloween night for a fun get together. Faculty and Staff decorate their vehicle trunks and give out candy to Trick-or-Treaters that come by.

College and Military Recruiters Day* *November 2019

College & Military recruiters will be on campus. Come join your student to help plan for his/her future.

Apply to College Day* *November 2019

Computers and counselor will be available to you and your student to help students complete college applications.

Spring Semester Open House* *January 2020

Meet your child's new teachers for Spring Semester, ask questions and meet our Parent Engagement Team.

Financial Aid 101* *January 2020

Learn how to complete the FAFSA application for college financial aid.

Dual Enrollment Night* *February 2020

Parents are invited to learn about dual enrollment opportunities to earn college credit while in high school.

Spring Registration* *February & March 2020

Teachers as Advisors (TAAs) work with parents and students to schedule classes for the next school year.

School Forum

April 2020

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

Underclassmen Honor's Program

May 2020

Awards and recognition for students in grades 9-11. This event is held during the school day.

Senior Honor's Program

May 2020

Awards and recognition for seniors. This event is held in the evening.

Graduation Ceremony

May 22, 2020

Congratulations Class of 2020!

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

The Parent Resource Center is open M-F from 8:00-3:00.



School ~ Family Compact

The compact is an agreement that families, teachers, and students review and update annually that explains how all stakeholders will work together to make sure ALL students reach their academic potential and graduate from high school.

The compact is signed by parents, students, & faculty and describes how each will be responsible for supporting academic learning.

The school-family compact remains at home to be reviewed by the student and parent. It will be discussed throughout the school year at different family engagement programs and parent-teacher conferences.

Family Engagement Coordinator

Manchester High School is committed to helping our parents attend the family engagement programs listed in this plan.

If you need information about additional programs or support, please contact:

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