

2025-2026

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:

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| 9th Grade Orientation | Fall Open House |
| Emails | Social Media |
| Phone calls | Text messages |
| Wrap Around Center | School Website |
| IC Parent Portal | Conferences |



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's 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.

2025 – 2026 Goals Manchester High School

Manchester High School will obtain a 3% increase annually in the percentage of students scoring “DEVELOPING -or- Higher” on the 2025 Georgia End-of-Course Tests through the use of engaging, data-driven, rigorous, evidence-based instruction to meet the needs of all students.

Increase the percentage of students in attendance for the 25-26 school year from 90.82% (24-25) to 92%.

By the end of the 2025-2026 school year, there will be monthly professional development using the results from the MCSS needs assessment survey administered in May 2025.

2025 – 2026 Goals Meriwether County School System

Meriwether County Schools will obtain a 3% increase annually in the percentage of students scoring “DEVELOPING -or- Higher” on the 2025 Georgia Milestones through the use of engaging, data-driven, rigorous, evidence-based instruction to meet the needs of all students.

Meriwether County Schools will establish positive school climates, increased collaboration, structured discipline processes, and provide support to attract and retain highly effective, growth-minded personnel committed to the success of each student and increase the overall retention rate by 10% annually.

By establishing a strong communication process and partnership plan, MCSS will increase the involvement of parents, families, and the community in the support, engagement, activities, and improvement of education for Meriwether County students by 30% by the 2025-2026 school year.

***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!

Visit our Wrap Around 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 Wrap Around 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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