

# Marion County Middle High School 2017-2018 Parental Involvement Policy

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## School Parental Involvement Plan

**What is it?** The Parental Involvement Policy and Plan describes how Marion County Middle High School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement and positively impact student achievement. The plan will include strategies to increase parental involvement and how we will work with families to improve student success.

**How is it developed?** Marion County Middle High School Parent Involvement Policy and Plan is developed with input from all stakeholders. Parents are involved in the planning and review of this plan by serving on committees as well as by providing input via surveys and questionnaires.

Comments and suggestions are always welcome and will be used to strengthen and revise the plan for the upcoming school year.

**Who is it for?** All members of the Marion County Middle High School community are invited to participate fully in the opportunities described in this plan. We will provide translated materials and interpretation services as needed.

**Where is it available?** The Marion County Middle High School Parent Involvement Policy and Plan is made available to the LEA (Local Educational Agency) and to the Marion County Middle High School community on our school website, at all Title I meetings/ conferences, in our front office and in our Parent Resource Center.



### What is Title I?

Marion County Middle High School is proud to be identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). The purpose of Title I is to ensure that all students have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain high-quality education. All Title I programs must focus on improving student achievement and include strategies to improve family engagement. All Title I schools must develop, with parental input, a Parent Involvement Policy and Plan.

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### **Marion County School System Goals**

- To improve student achievement in reading, language arts, and writing for all students
- To improve mathematics achievement for all students
- To develop a school-family-community partnership that is based on shared responsibility among school, family, and community for students' learning and development
- To provide new instructional methodologies that will enable our teachers to integrate technology into the curriculum
- To provide Safe and Drug-free schools for all students
- To increase the availability of modern technology connected to the Internet

### **Marion County Middle High School Goals**

- To increase the number of students in grades 3-5 achieving Level 3: Proficient Learner and Level 4: Distinguished Learner on the state mandated Georgia Milestones assessments for English/Language Arts and mathematics
- To increase the number of students in grades K-5 achieving expected and high growth on district mandated benchmark assessments in English/Language Arts and mathematics
- To increase the number of students in grades 2-5 achieving at least one year's growth in Lexile level

### **Parent Involvement Opportunities: Programs and Activities**

Marion County Middle High School provides parents with multiple and diverse opportunities for involvement. All events are listed on the school website as well as a monthly newsletter which is sent home with students' progress or report card. The Marion County Middle High School administration and school counselors communicate with the public through announcements and recognition of parents, students, and educators. They also publish articles in the local and area newspapers. Businesses are given the opportunity to contribute not only monetarily, but of their time and experience to the educational system (Partners in Education). Businesses are encouraged to release employees to participate in volunteer activities in their children's schools.

In addition to the system level, Marion County Middle High School's Title I program assists participating parents in acquiring necessary information through the following:

- Open House
- Student Handbook
- Newsletters
- Counselor's Webpage
- Twitter
- School App
- Student Agendas
- System and School Website
- Athletic and Extra-curricular Events
- Conferences
- Spanish Interpreter and Document Translations

If you are unable to attend a family engagement event or would like additional information, please contact us at 229-649-7520 so that we may assist you.

### **School-Parent Compact**

Marion County Middle High School staff, students and their families will work together to create a compact. This compact will outline how parents, staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement, and will describe how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help students achieve the State's standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually with input from all stakeholders and will be used during parent conferences and meetings.

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The Marion County School System recognizes that greater family involvement is crucial if our students are to learn more, to achieve higher academic standards, and to succeed in a world that might otherwise pass them by. Educational research has shown that parents who are actively involved in their child's learning at home help their children become more successful learners in and out of school. It shall be the intent of all parent involvement activities at L. K. Moss Elementary School to encourage and support the efforts of home, school, and community in improving the educational opportunities of all children.

If you are unable to attend a family engagement event or would like additional information, please contact us so that we may assist you.

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## School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

Marion County Middle High School will provide parents with timely information and communicate through parent letters, monthly newsletters, conferences, the school website, teacher websites, phone calls, agenda reminders, and flyers in the front office concerning important information. Both English and Spanish versions will be provided when available or by request. Meetings involving parents will be arranged at a variety of times, such as morning and evenings, to maximize opportunities for parents to participate in school-related activities. The administration, school counselor, school system's attendance officer, teachers, and other educators who work directly with participating children may arrange in-home conferences, where appropriate and feasible, with parents who are unable to attend conferences scheduled at school. In addition, the system attendance officer and/or a system school resource officer, when necessary, will provide transportation for parents to attend conferences.



Si Ud. Quiere la traducción en español alguna información recibida de la Escuela L. K. Moss, por favor contactese con Tara Thompson al teléfono 229-649-7520. If you would like to request a Spanish translation of any information received from Marion County Middle High School, please contact Tara Thompson at 229-649-7520.

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*It is our wish that every family of Marion County Middle High School students be engaged in student learning; however, we understand that not all families are able to be involved in the same way. If you would like to be more involved, please contact the school at 229-649-7520.*

Marion County Middle High School believes that continuous family engagement is essential to student success. In order to engage all families, we will:

- Communicate regularly with all families regarding their student's progress, upcoming events and how they can become more engaged.
- Ensure that all information is posted in a variety of ways including on our website, weekly newsletters, and in the newspaper.
- Translate documents as needed and provide an interpreter at conferences and meetings, if possible and requested in advance.
- Educate faculty and staff on the importance of working together with families. We will also instruct them on how to best work with the families in our community.
- Provide parents with test data and score reports and explain the significance of this information.
- Explain Response to Intervention and ways parents can support their student at home.
- Collaborate with community organizations to promote student success. We have an active Partner In Education program that supports our school in a variety of ways. We will also work closely with Pastors Partnering in Education to implement positive youth programs for our students.
- Provide necessary materials for parents so that they may be better equipped to assist their student at home.

## Marion County Middle High School values your opinion!

Please may use the form below to provide any feedback or leave any comments/suggestions. You may drop off the completed form at our front office. Thank you!

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Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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