

Mitchell County Middle School

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Parental Involvement Policy 2016-2017

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Mitchell County Middle School is bridging the gap between parents and teachers to improve student achievement. Together, we can build effective family- school-community partnerships that advance children's social, emotional, and intellectual learning and development.

Overview of Title 1: Mitchell County Middle School is identified as a Title 1 school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title 1 is designed to ensure that all children have fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. Title 1 programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. A Title 1 overview meeting is held at the beginning of each school term to inform parents about the school's participation in the Title 1 programs, requirements, the different components, and the right of parents to be involved.

What are the school plans? Mitchell County Middle School (MCMS) is committed to partnering with parents and community members to ensure academic and moral/social excellence among our students. It is our desire to involve parents as an integral part of their child's educational experience. Therefore, we strive to keep parents as involved as we possibly can with policies, procedures, and academics. A group of parents worked collaboratively with the MCMS Leadership Team to develop the parental involvement policy. This policy is made available to parents and other stakeholders in the community during Open House, sent home the first day of school by all students, in the Parent Resource Room, the Guidance Office, and the school's web page.

How are they developed? Mitchell County Middle School students and their parents, in conjunction with teachers and administrators, jointly developed the Parental Involvement Policy, the school-wide plan, and the school improvement plan. MCMS welcomes parent input and comments at anytime. Any parent who wishes to participate can request a meeting. On the school's website (<http://mitchell2.mcm.schooldesk.net>), there is a Question and Concern section, and in the Parent Resource Room, there is a suggestion box. MCMS utilizes a parent survey in the fall and spring of the school year to evaluate the effectiveness of the parent involvement initiatives as a measure and/or performance evaluation of the school. Survey results are used as a means to determine what support for parental involvement activities are needed. Twice a year, students are surveyed to provide feedback/input and review of the Title I policies/plans. The most recent meeting in February 2016, was held to review and update the compact in order to meet student needs.



Who is it for? It is for all students participating in the Title I-Part A program and their families, who are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Opportunities are also provided for participation of parents with English language barriers, parents of students with disabilities, and parents of migrant students. Representatives from the neglected and/or delinquent residential facilities will be included in parent involvement communication efforts and activities.



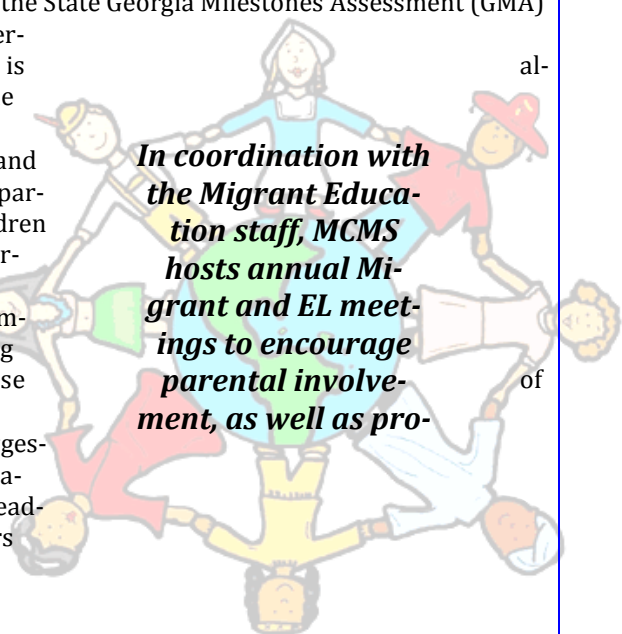
How is the Parental Involvement Policy Distributed? At the beginning of the school year the Parental involvement Policy is included in the student handbook that is distributed to all students. Copies are available in the guidance office to give to students who enter during the school year, are made available at the Open House that is held before school starts each year, are placed in the Parent Resource Room, are put on the school's website Parent's Page, are available at the grade level/parent dialogue meetings held twice yearly, and an overview article about the policy is placed in the MCSS Eagle's Nest Newsletter's August issue. Parents are sent a message through Infinite Campus Messenger notifying them where they can obtain a copy of the policy. The material is made available in both English and Spanish and in a format that is easy to understand.

Mitchell County Middle School's mission for today and everyday is " Bridging the Gap."

MCMS makes every effort to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school **to home connection** and reach our school goals.



- **MCMS** ensures that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website and included in the monthly system newsletter for all parents.
- **MCMS** conducts staff development each quarter on parental involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- **MCMS** shares information in English and Spanish on the school website and in the system newsletter to help parents understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- **MCMS** communicates with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- **MCMS** works with our parents to develop relevant training and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- **MCMS** provides necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to increase their child's achievement.
- **MCMS** collaborates with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school's parental involvement plan and activities.
- **MCMS** listens and responds to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- **MCMS** ensures that parents receive information in a timely manner:
 - Title I program and its requirements are shared at an annual Title I Parent Meeting. The annual meeting includes information on Title I documents, Parents' right to know about teachers' Highly Qualified status, and other important procedures and information. All parents are invited to participate via flyers, phone alert, weekly newsletter, and school's webpage.
 - Annual school results are discussed at Parent Partner Day. Individual student assessment data is interpreted by administrators and teachers and disseminated to parents in a timely manner. Data is also shared upon request by parents via administration, guidance counselor, and/or with teachers during scheduled parent/teacher conferences.
 - A description of the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) and GPS curriculum is disseminated and explained each school year during Open House and Parent Partner Day.
 - Formative and summative assessment information and the State Georgia Milestones Assessment (GMA) are explained during Open House, Parent Teacher Conferences, and Parent Partner Day. Assessment information is so distributed to all students and parents throughout the school year.
 - Opportunities to meet collaboratively with school staff and other parents to offer suggestions, exchange ideas, and participate in decisions related to the education of our children occur throughout the year during Parent Teacher Conferences, Open House, Parent Partner Day, Content Level Teacher Meetings, and Parent Dialogue. Parents also complete surveys for staff to glean information when making decisions relating to the education of children and the use of Parent Involvement funding.
- **MCMS** practices an open-door policy that welcomes suggestions from parents as an effective means of increasing parental involvement. Suggestions are discussed during Leadership Team Meeting and grade level meetings. Teachers provide responses to parents during scheduled parent/teacher conferences in a timely manner.



In coordination with the Migrant Education staff, MCMS hosts annual Migrant and EL meetings to encourage parental involvement, as well as pro-

School-Parent-Student Compacts

Mitchell County Middle School makes a conscious effort to encourage and involve all parents in the joint development of the School/Parent Compact that outlines how parents and students will be responsible for supporting student learning. The School/Parent Compact clearly describes the school's responsibility to provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children served under Title I to meet the State's student performance standards. The School/Parent Compact further explains the parents' responsibilities to support their children's learning by monitoring attendance, homework, volunteering in classrooms, and participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and positive use of extra-curricular time. Parents are involved in the development of the School-Parent-Student Compact during a Parental Involvement Title I Meeting.



Copies are located in the Parent Resource Room, included in the MCMS Student handbook, and on the schools' website: <http://mitchell2.mcm.schooldesk.net>

Mitchell County Middle School is proud to be selected as a 2016 Title I Reward School: High-Progress Reward. We will continue to provide a challenging curriculum to ensure an adequate education for each students.

Goal for 2016-2017:

The % of students who meet or exceed standards on the GMA will increase by 3 percentage points in each subject area.

"Soaring to excellence with the Right Attitude and the Right Action"

Programs parents can access at home or from

**MCMS's Parent Resource Room:
Room 106: 8:15—3:00 Daily**

Renaissance Home Connect (AR)
IXL Math
Infinite Campus Parent Portal
School Website

Technology services also available at the Desoto Trail Library in Camilla, GA.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Do you know about all the different activities available to your child?

Men of Mitchell
Jr. Beta Club
Student Government
4H

Football
Basketball
Baseball
Track
Cheerleading

Sports:

We want to hear from YOU!

If you have any suggestions to improve this policy or any way to help improve student achievement, please let us know via the school's mail box housed in the front lobby or feel free to contact a school administrator @ 229-336-0980. We appreciate and welcome all feedback from all stakeholders.

2016-2017 Parental Involvement Activities Come Join Us!



DATE	ACTIVITY
Friday, July 29, 2016	Open House (3:00 p. m. to 7:00 p. m.)
Friday, July 29, 2016	Annual Title I Parent Information Meeting (All parents are invited to attend.)
Tuesday, August 16, 2016	Parent Partner Day/Parent Portal @ Content Planning Times (All parents are invited to attend.)
Thursday, September 8, 2016	Parent Conference Day (4:00—6:30 p. m.) Grades 5-7
Thursday, September 22, 2016	APTT Team Meeting #1 (6:00 p. m.)
Friday, October 14, 2016	1st Nine Weeks Report Card
November 2017	Book Fair (Media Center)
Thursday, November 10, 2016	APTT Team Meeting #2 (6:00 p. m.)
Thursday, November 17, 2016	Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, December 1, 2016	Mid-Year Academic Status: Hot Chocolate & Cookies Dialogue @ Grade-Level Planning Times (All parents are invited to attend.)
Friday, January 6, 2017	2nd Nine Weeks Report Card
Tuesday, January 10, 2017	Mid-Year Honor's Day @ 9:00 a. m.
Thursday, January 26, 2017	Mid-Year Top-Ten Academic Banquet @ 6:00 p. m.
Thursday, February 9, 2017	Parent Conference Day (4:00—6:30 p. m.) Grades 5-7
Friday, February 24, 2017	Black History Program @ 9:00 a. m.
Friday, March 31, 2017	3rd Nine Weeks Report Card
Thursday, April 13, 2017	Georgia Milestones Family Night: Test-Taking Strategies @ 6:00 p. m. (All parents are invited to attend.)
April 2017	Spring Book Fair (Media Center) Grades 5-7
Thursday, April 20, 2017	APTT Team Meeting #3 (6:00 p. m.)
April/May 2017	APTT Team Meeting: Family Focus Group (6:00 p. m.)
Friday, May 26, 2017	School-Wide Georgia Milestones Celebrations (9:00 a. m. -1:00 p. m.)
Tuesday, May 30, 2017	Field Day @ 8:30 a. m.
Wednesday, May 31, 2017	Honor's Day @ 9:00 a. m. and Sports Awards @ 11:00 a. m.
Wednesday, May 31, 2017	Last Day of School/4th Nine Weeks Report Card
	<i>Are you interested in becoming a MCMS Volunteer? To get more involved in your child's education, please visit the school and pick up a volunteer packet or call the school for more information anytime during the school year at 229-336-0980.</i>