

Midway Elementary School ***Parent and Family Engagement*** ***Plan for Shared Student Success***

2022-2023 School Year

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What is Title I?

MES is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards 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 family engagement. All Title I

schools must jointly
develop with
parents and family
members a written
parent and family
engagement
plan.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Midway Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. MES values the contributions and engagement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that MES will support family engagement and how parents/families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.



How is it revised?

MES welcomes parent and family member input and comments at any time regarding our plan to engage parents and families. All parent and family member feedback will be considered for the revision of plans each year. MES invited all families to attend our MES Parent Café meetings to review and revise our parent and family engagement plan & activities, as well as the school improvement plan, our school-parent compacts, the district parent and family engagement plan, building staff capacity opportunities, and the parent and family engagement budget for the upcoming school year. Our plan is posted on our school website for families to view and give input throughout the year. Parents and family members can complete an online stakeholder feedback form, email suggestions to klydon@perce.k12.ga.us, or drop comments in our suggestion box located in the school foyer. We also distribute an annual survey to all families to ask for their suggestions on our plans, building staff capacity, budget, and school/parent compacts.

Who is it for?

All MES students and families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. MES will provide full opportunities for participation of parents & family members with limited English proficiency, economically disadvantaged, limited literacy, any racial or ethnic minority background, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children, when feasible.

Where is it available?

The plan is included in the student handbook that is given to all students at the beginning of the school year and to new students upon enrollment. Families may request a copy of this plan in the MES front office, and/or view a copy on the MES website.

2022-23 District Goals

- ✓ High Academic Achievement
- ✓ Quality Teachers, Administrators, and Staff
- ✓ Supportive Learning Environment
- ✓ Effective, Efficient Operations
- ✓ Strong Parental & Community Support
- ✓ College & Career Readiness

District Parent Advisory Council

All parents are welcome to hear the latest updates from the Pierce County School District as well as review & provide input into our District Parent & Family Engagement Plan and the District Improvement Plan. Join us at the Pierce County Board of Education on February 28, 2023 at 11:30 am. RSVP to (912) 807-0048.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, MES and our families will develop grade level school-parent compacts. These compacts are agreements developed by parents, family members, teachers, and students to explain how parents, families, and teachers will work together to ensure all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from families, students, and teachers during MES Parent Café meetings & on the Annual Title I Family Engagement Survey. Copies of the compacts are kept by all teachers and reviewed with parents during parent/teacher conferences throughout the year. Copies of compacts are sent home with all students, posted on the MES website and may be obtained in the front office.

Let's Get Together!

MES will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, families and the community to improve student academic achievement. Please look for these and additional events, dates, and times in newsletters & flyers sent home with your child, on Livingtree Engage, and on our MES Facebook page.

ESOL/Migrant Open House – TBD

Meet your ESOL teacher, support staff, & system wide translator and complete all necessary enrollment paperwork in your native language. This is a great time to ask questions about the upcoming year.

Open House – TBD

Tour the school, visit the classrooms, & meet your child's teacher along with our helpful, friendly staff.

Mentor & Volunteer Training – 8/25/22 @ 8:30 am

Be the difference in a child's life. Receive training & information to prepare you to be an effective mentor and or volunteer.

Annual Title I "Extravaganza" – 9/15/22 @ 6:00 pm

Come have all of your questions answered about your child's curriculum, standards, assessments, how to help your child at home, how to monitor your child's progress, Title I program & plans, and your right to be involved!

Table Talk Parent Trainings

Join us for trainings to learn how to support your child's educational success. Trainings are open to ALL PC families! All trainings begin at 12:00 noon.

Date: 10/05/22 Location: Midway Elementary

Topic: Literacy & Reading

Date: 11/02/22 Location: Webinar

Topic: Baker Wright – How much is too much help?

Date: 03/01/23 Location: PC Middle School

Topic: Technology Tips

District Migrant Family Nights – 10/20/22 @ 6:00 pm, 01/12/23 @ 6:00 pm, 04/20/23 @ 6:00 pm

Come hear about academic & supportive services for your child. Give us your ideas on how we can help!

Learning Opportunities

Join us to learn grade level strategies to help your child at home. Look for dates & times on Facebook, MES website, and grade level newsletters.

ESOL Family Night – 11/10/22 @ 6:00 pm

Meet with your child's teacher to learn more about upcoming assessments and various strategies and ways you can help your child at home.

MES Parent Cafes – 1/26/23 & 4/27/23 @ 12:00 noon (Virtual) or 2:45 pm (In-person)

Participate in roundtable discussions about how we can improve our family engagement activities and the best ways to communicate with you! Also, the MES Café will provide opportunities for you to assist in revising our Title I program plans, school/parent compacts, building staff capacity trainings and the budget.

Shining Stars Assemblies – October, January, March, & May during PE

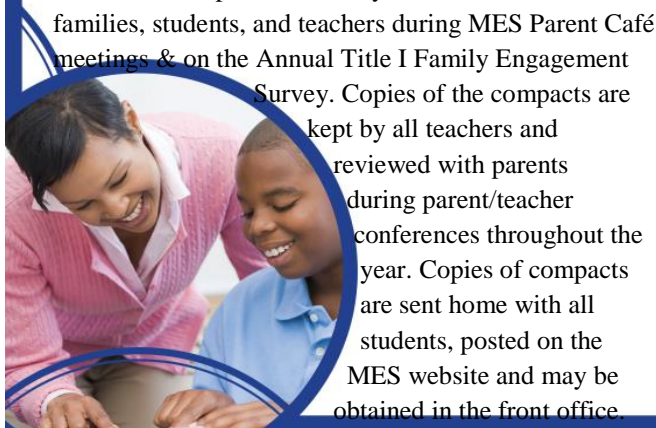
Award ceremonies to recognize students with outstanding achievements.

Kindergarten Kickoff - 5/4/23 @ 6:00 pm

Orientation to prepare Pre-K students, other 5 year olds, & family members for Kindergarten at MES.

Moving to Middle School – 5/2/23 @ 5:30 pm

Orientation for next year's 6th grade parents & family members to discuss the transition to middle school.



Family Resource Room

Come visit the Family Resource Room located in the MES Media Center to check out books, study materials, and games/activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal (Infinite Campus) and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 7:20 am – 3:10 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

MES believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring that...

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- 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.

MES is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care and/or translation services in order to participate in our programs.

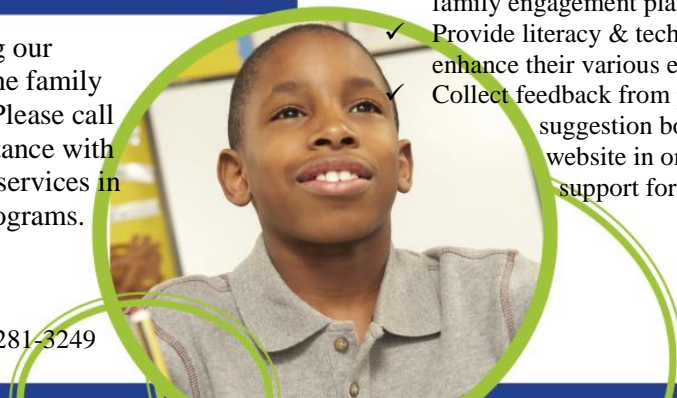
Kim Lydon, (912) 807-0084 or
klydon@pierce.k12.ga.us

Interpretation Services – (912) 281-3249

Midway Elementary is Branching Out!

MES will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 (to the extent feasible), posted on Livingtree Engage, Facebook, and included in grade level newsletters.
- ✓ Provide staff development on parent and family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to improve communication with parents/families and ideas to increase parent and family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled meetings.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs to share school information about parent and family engagement activities that will help prepare parents, family members, and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Partner with Pierce County Middle School to share school information about parent and family engagement activities that will help prepare parents/families and their child for middle school and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish (to the extent feasible) on the school website, on Livingtree Engage, and in grade level newsletters for parents/families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents/families 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 newsletters, Facebook, flyers, student agendas and Livingtree Engage.
- ✓ Work with our families to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for families at conferences, meetings, and activities to help families work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement.
- ✓ Use our School Council, District Parent Advisory Council and MES Parent Cafes to improve awareness of and increase participation in the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement plans.
- ✓ Provide literacy & technology resources/trainings for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational skills.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at family engagement events, provide a suggestion box in the school foyer, and post a stakeholder feedback form on the school website in order to respond to parents' & family members' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

MES and our families have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

MES Parent Café Meetings

MES invites all parents and families to join the MES Café meetings to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and families to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The meetings will occur twice during the school year, but anyone can submit ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys, website, and suggestion box. If you would like to learn more about MES Cafés, please contact Kim Lydon, Counselor, at (912) 807-0084 or complete the "Sign Me Up!" form.



Sign Me Up!

- ☐ Yes, I am interested in attending the MES Parent Café meetings.
☐ I would like to be involved in the following: (circle all that apply)

Mentoring a child
Fall Festival
School Volunteer

Special Events
Field Days
Committees

Grade-level Volunteer
Volunteering with school pictures
Other: _____

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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 or leave your comments in the Suggestion Box located in the school foyer.

(Optional) Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

COMMENTS:



Check out our "Virtual" Pierce County Family Resource Room on Pinterest for engaging resources to support your child's learning at home! Our "Virtual" resource room has valuable activities for grades PreK-12, Eureka math videos, & instructional videos and trainings from Pierce County teachers! Visit the site today at...

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