

MONROE AREA HIGH SCHOOL



Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

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Monroe Area High School 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 policy.

DISTRICT GOALS

- Maintain a graduation rate of at least 90%.
- All schools will have positive school climates.
- All students will be taught by highly effective teachers, and all schools will be led by highly effective leaders.
- Strengthen collaborative partnerships with stakeholders.
- All principals and assistant principals will be effective and well-prepared to support student achievement

SCHOOL GOALS

- MAHS will increase the below-level lexile scores using researched based teaching and assessment tools.
- MAHS will improve overall attendance rates by 3% when compared to the 2022-23 school year. The Attendance Daily Average Report provided by the WCSD on a monthly basis will be used as a comparative tool.
- MAHS will maintain the Overall Graduation Rate of 90% and above. MAHS will improve the Graduation Rate in All Sub-Groups.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACTS

As part of this plan, our teachers and our families will develop a school-parent compact, an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to ensure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The school-parent compacts are shared with parents during parent teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.

WHAT IS IT?

This plan describes how the school will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. As a school, we value the contributions and involvement of parents and family members as we establish an equal partnership to improve student achievement. This plan describes how the school will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and home.

WHO IS IT FOR?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program and their families are encouraged and invited to participate fully in the opportunities described in this plan. As a school, we will provide opportunities for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, disabilities, and migratory children.

HOW IS IT REVISED?

Parents added input about the types of support they needed by completing Parent and Student Surveys based upon concerns and needs.

Parents and students provide input during Hurricane Parent Academy Sessions.

Opportunities are provided each year to review the compact and make suggestions based on student needs and school improvement goals.

Parents are also encouraged to participate in the Annual Title I parent survey each Spring, which is also used as a tool to collect parent feedback regarding the current Title I programs and policies.

Our school is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy.

Please call or email us if you need assistance in order to fully participate in our programs.



PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

MAHS is committed to ensuring that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in languages that our families understand.

We will communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, through phone messages, emails, our website, social media, and flyers.

Monroe Area High will utilize our business and community partners to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.

MAHS IS BRANCHING OUT!

Monroe Area High School offers the following events and partnerships to promote and support parents and family engagement to strengthen the school and reach our goals.

- Open House
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Annual Title I Meeting
- FAFSA Night for Parents
- Rising 9th Grade Parent Meeting
- Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)
- Booster Clubs
- Parent Affiliates for Clubs and Organizations
- Academic Awards Ceremonies
- Hurricane Academy
- PBIS Student Incentive Events
- Serve as guest speaker during classroom events and activities related to interest and expertise

Monroe Area High School also offers a wide variety of athletic teams, clubs and organizations to interest students beyond the classroom, providing more opportunities for family engagement.

STAY CONNECTED

MAHS utilizes the following tools to connect with our families:

- Newsletters
- Parent Portal
- Websites
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Emails
- Text Messages
- Phone Calls

LET'S GET TOGETHER!

MAHS will hold multiple partnership meetings throughout the school year and parents are always welcome to participate.

- Awards Ceremonies
- Parent Conferences
- FAFSA Night
- PTSO Meetings

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Any changes will be advertised on the school's webpage and social media.

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

Thursday, Sept. 14 at 5:30 p.m.

As a school, we will conduct an annual meeting and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents' requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the school-wide plan and the school-parent compact.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please contact the main office.

PARENT SUPPORT

Monroe Area High School invites parents and families to visit the school's Parent Resource Center to review newsletters and access additional family resources.

