

**School Level Parental Involvement Policy
Marietta Center for Advanced Academics
(School-wide Title I Funded)**

**MCAA Parent Involvement Policy
School Year 2021-2022**



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What is Title I?

Since the 2020/2021 school year, MCAA has been identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). This means that MCAA receives funds from the Federal Government through State Educational Agencies to be used for the purpose of providing extra educational assistance and support materials beyond the regular classroom. The amount of Title I funding MCAA receives is determined by the number of low-income students attending our school. MCAA is a school-wide Title I school, therefore, all students benefit from Title I Funding.

MCAA is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with translation or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Marietta Center for Advanced Academics will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Marietta Center for Advanced Academics values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways in which MCAA supports parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and home.

How is it developed? We will be developing a Parent Involvement Policy using a variety of feedback including annual parent surveys/interests inventory, meeting and event feedback, parent/teacher conferences, our school governance team (SGT), school board, and PTSA. Also, data will be collected from different sources and analyzed to identify areas to target, and to ensure alignment with our school improvement plan. We believe that by collaborating with all stakeholders, we will support the important role of parents in the education of their children. Students were surveyed for their input informally.

Who is it for? All families at MCAA participate in the Title I, Part A program. They all are encouraged and invited to participate in the opportunities described in this plan. This includes parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? Every parent will have access to this Parent Involvement Policy through the school's website. A printed copy will be sent home through students Thursday FYI folders.

Parental Involvement

MCAA believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- 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 expected to volunteer or support their child's education at least ten hours each semester.

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MCAA is Getting YOU Connected!

MCAA will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals.

We will:

- ✓ Continuously use multi-faceted, bilingual avenues of communication which may include MCAA weekly messages, teacher communication, and parent liaison messages.
- ✓ Conduct staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Share information through different venues and languages for parents to understand academic standards and assessments, as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child towards academic excellence.
- ✓ Foster and maintain ongoing communications with parents/guardians concerning opportunities for involvement, their children's eligibility for special programs, educational progress, professional qualifications of their children's teachers, and school as it relates to state and federal growth targets.
- ✓ Use Social Media, school's website, and teacher's Schoology courses to maintain consistent communication and alerts for news.

School-Family Compacts

As part of this plan, MCAA and our families develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement between parents, teachers, and students to work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers at all mentioned meetings and during formal and informal correspondence. The compacts will be signed by parents, students, and school representatives during Fall Parent/Teacher conference week.

Mark Your Calendar...Let's Get Together!

MCAA will host several events to build capacity for strong parental involvement, and to support a partnership among school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Some of these events are:

- August 3: Sneek-A-Peak
- August 17: Open House & Fall PTSA Meeting
- October 25-29: Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences
- April 28: Spring PTSA Meeting
- 9/16, 10/12, 11/18, 1/27, 2/17, 3/24, 4/21, 5/19, 6/2
School Government Team Meetings
- 9/16, 10/12, 11/17, 12/9, 1/11, 2/15, 3/17, 4/12, 5/19
Parent University Meetings (ZOOM)
- 8/20, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/3, 1/14, 2/11, 3/15, 4/15, 5/13: Parent Coffee Talks
- STEAM & Partnership Meetings TBD based on COVID regulations

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Share your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the schools' goals for academic achievement, please provide use with your comments in the space provided and leave this form to your student's Homeroom Teacher.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Feedback: _____

School Volunteer Interests Form

Yes, I am interested in volunteering! Please Contact me when volunteer opportunities arise.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Volunteer Opportunities

Marietta Center for Advanced Academics invites all parents to volunteer and their share ideas and talents to help with school events, field trips or special classroom activities (pending COVID protocols). If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities at MCAA, please complete the interests form and return to the front office.