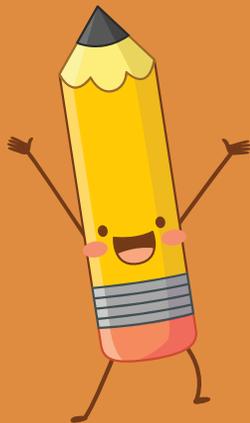


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Open House

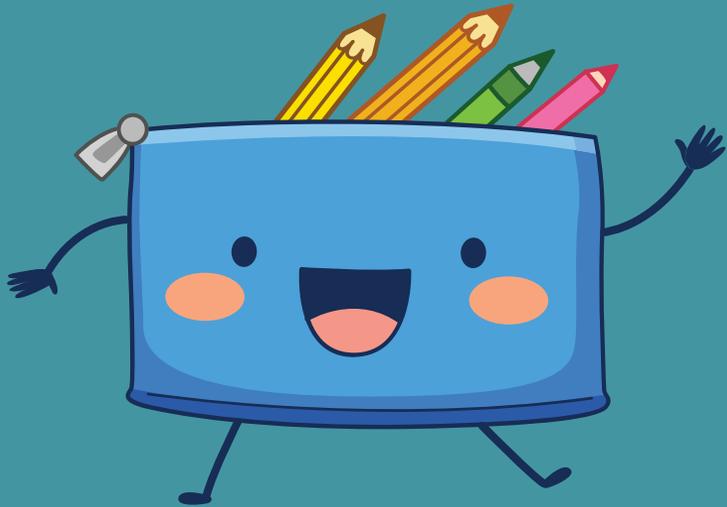
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Open House - Agenda

Learning Targets for open house:

- Meet the staff
- School Overview
- Behavioral Expectations
- Handbook reminders
- SIP/Curriculum
- Upcoming/Important Dates
- Communication/Stay Connected!
- PTO
- Title 1 Compact
- Evaluation



Our Wonderful Staff

Teachers (3s/Pre-k/K/1/2/3/4/5/SPED/Special Areas)

Instructional Assistants/Tutors

Building Service

Cafeteria

Instructional Leadership Team (ILT)

Front Office/Administration

School Overview

- Opened as Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy in 1979
- Federally Funded Title I School & MSDE designated Community School SY 2025-2026
- 271 total students as of 10/7/24 (I like to round up and say 300)
- 75% of students qualify for free and reduced meals
- Largest DadVisory participation in Charles County Public Schools (Thank you father and father-figures)
- During SY 24-25—18.8% of students were chronically absent 18+ days out [23-24—32.7% +13.9%]
- MCAP Scores from SY 24-25 – the 4th grade Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy scores surpassed Charles County average and the state for reading & math. 5th grade ELA surpassed both county and state scores. Both 3rd and 5th grades surpassed Charles County scores in math on MCAP.



School Mission

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the staff at Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School, fully support the mission statement of the Charles County Public School System:



The mission of Charles County Public Schools is to provide an opportunity for all school-aged children to receive an academically challenging, quality education that builds character, equips for leadership, and prepares for life, in an environment that is safe and conducive to learning.

OUR VISION

The vision of Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School is to create the best environment where all students experience academic success, develop personal responsibility and achieve career readiness for the 21st century.

The vision includes:

- ✓ **Life-Long Learning** for school and community, Pre-K through adulthood
- ✓ **Active Parent Involvement**
- ✓ **Collaborative Business Partnerships**
- ✓ **Advanced Technology**
- ✓ **High Achievement Standards** for ALL students

Our vision at Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School is one that we hope is inspiring to our school community. It is a vision where *everyone* is respected, *everyone* is valued, and *everyone* experiences academic success.

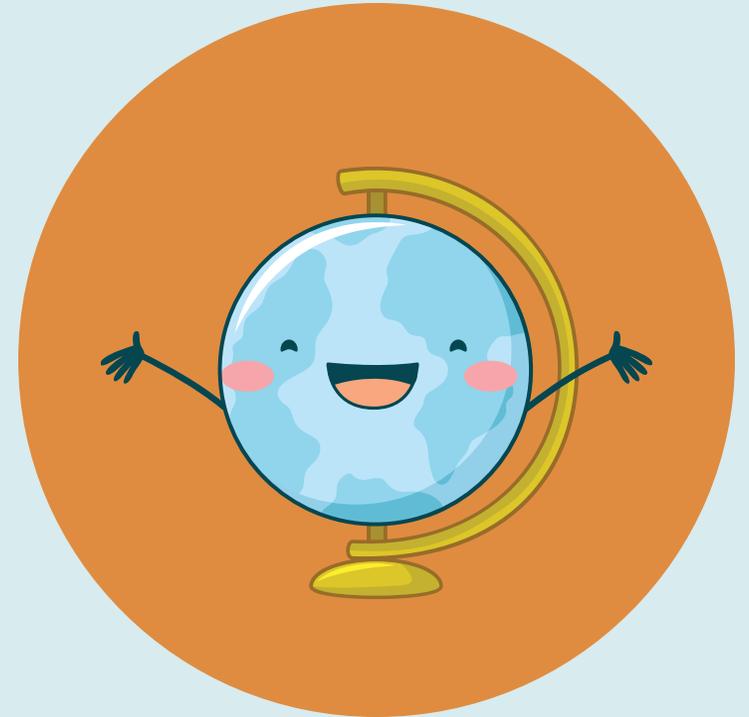
Beavers Follow the 3 R's

Ready!
Responsible!
Respectful!

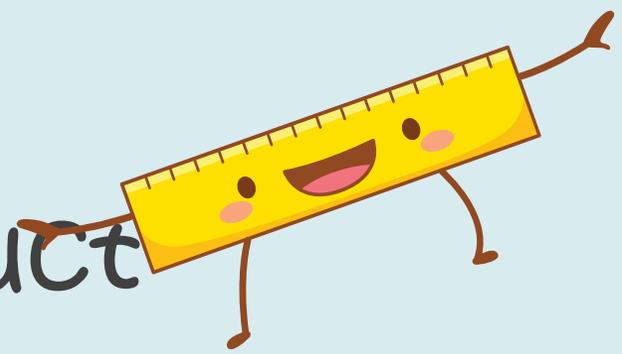


Behavioral Expectations

- **CCPS Code of Conduct** – Always in effect.
- Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy School Code - A major goal of our staff is to establish an atmosphere throughout the school in which children will feel safe, secure, happy, and have maximum opportunity to learn.
 - Fighting, stealing, showing disrespect towards others, using obscene language, and destruction of school property will not be tolerated. Students who break the rules or cause serious problems will be sent to the assistant principal or principal. Disciplinary action will occur and may result in suspension from school.



Classroom Code of Student Conduct



We have established a Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Program (PBIS) to focus on positive behavior in our school. Our school motto is “Beavers are Ready, Responsible and Respectful”.

Classroom teachers develop classroom rules with the children at the beginning of each year and our school-wide discipline plan will be followed. These rules will be communicated to the students and parents at the start of the school year. The procedures below will be followed as part of our school-wide discipline:

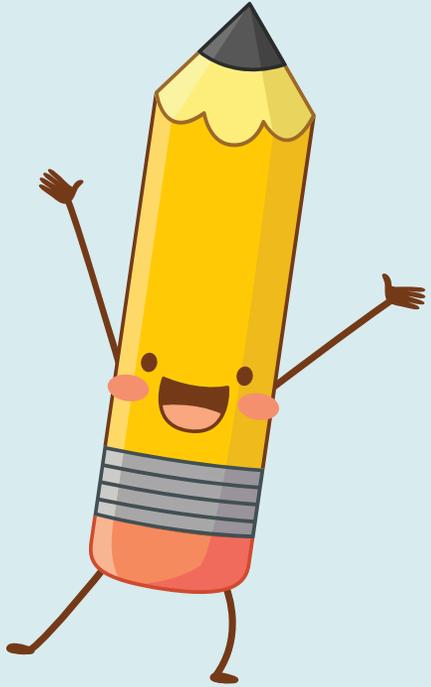
Level I: The teacher will talk with the student and begin to address the problem. The student will receive a warning, level I consequence. In most cases, a phone call will be made.

Level II: A Minor referral will be submitted to administration via Synergy. Administration will collaborate with classroom teacher. Teacher and/or administration will issue a classroom consequence.

Level III: When the classroom teacher has exhausted all resources, the child will be referred to the assistant principal or principal.

- Discretion will be used in applying these procedures. The sequence of steps taken may vary in individual cases due to teacher recommendations, the seriousness of the offense, or the time interval between referrals. For example, very serious misconduct might result in suspension on the first referral.

Parent Handbook Updates:



- **Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Parent Handbook**
 - Updates from previous version:
Cell Phone Permission
Transportation

Elementary Program of Studies



- HMH Into Reading
- Illustrative Math – Kendall Hunt (My Path 30-50 mins/week and/or Fluency Flight 8 mins/3-4 days)
- Interventions (Reading: UFLI K-2 and Benchmark Phonics 3-5 Math: Do the Math)
- Assessments – Formative/Summative/Common Assessments/iReady/MCAP/MISA
- English Language Development (ELD)
- Special Education (SPED)
- School Improvement Plan (SIP)

Get Involved/ Stay Informed

- Volunteer Opportunities through Family events & Community School Opportunities --- Ms. Clark and Ms. Schrader
- PTO – Parent Teacher Organization
- Communication/Social Media:

Synergy: Email & ParentVUE/StudentVue

Flyers/Notes Home

Facebook: Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary & Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy PTO

Youtube: @mt.hopenanjemoy638

PTO – Parent/Teacher Organization

President --- Christina Vigorito

Vice President --- Laura Behm

Secretary --- Bethany Ford

Treasurer --- Samantha Petrides

Social Media Coordinator --- Melissa Haskin

Next PTO Meeting of the Month is Wednesday, October 22, 2025 @ 6:30 pm in the cafeteria, we hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events --- Spirit Night – Chic-fil-A in LaPlata, 10/20/25

What is a Community School?

Community School video:

<https://youtu.be/5dTXujuJRco?si=qwgSka8JgT4wv6-g>

Each Community School has a coordinator who works as a liaison with parents and students, and community partners. Among the coordinator's responsibilities are conducting a needs assessment, creating and implementing a strategic plan while fostering partnerships with community partners, and train and supervise volunteers.

To learn more about our Mt. Hope Nanjemoy Community School Resource Center, program and how to partner with schools, contact Gisèle Schrader, gschrader@ccboe.com

Marissa Ackerman, Community School coordinator at Indian Head Elementary School, explains the role of a coordinator in a CCPS-produced video released earlier this year: https://youtu.be/KeC_IUYjyqg



Perks of a Community School?



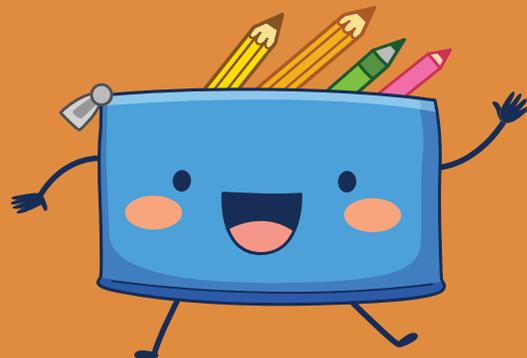
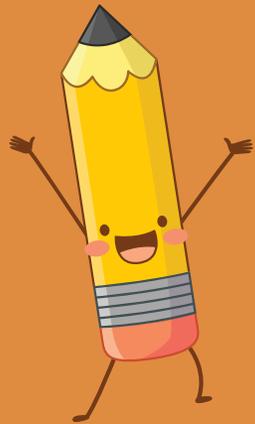
- We have a Community School Resource Center located in trailer 6
- We offer a space for volunteers to assist with needs of the school, ranging from helping teachers with classroom requests, assisting with school activities and events, to sorting and organizing donations (clothing and food)
- We support student achievement and exploration with field trips and extended learning opportunities
- We develop and maintain partnerships in the county with various individuals and organizations
- We support community events and engagement activities
- We support our Mt. Hope Nanjemoy families with food, clothing, and various services
- Please reach out to our Community School Coordinator anytime: Gisèle Schrader gschrader@ccboe.com

Get involved and please join us as a volunteer



sign up:

<https://forms.office.com/r/8k8uZviWWf>



Volunteers make the MAGIC happen! We are a **STRONG** school thanks to you!

Home-School Partnership

Families have a right to be involved in their child's education. At Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy, we will:

- Hold an annual meeting to discuss the Title I program, and collect your feedback on the spending of Title I funds and the 1% family engagement budget.
- Educate school staff on how to work with parents as equal partners in their child's educational process.
- Show families how to monitor their child's progress.
- Provide materials/training to help families work with their child to improve their academic achievement.
- Assist families with understanding State academic standards and State/local academic assessments.
- Maintain a Family Resource Center.
- Hold meetings and family engagement events at times that are convenient for families.
- Encourage families to volunteer and join our school's Title I DAdvisory Council, PTO and/or School Improvement Team.
- Offer childcare when applicable.
- Utilize interpreters and document translation services so families can receive information in a language they understand.
- Provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, with disabilities, and of migratory children.
- Coordinate and integrate family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs.

School Improvement

Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy develops an annual School Improvement Plan to address student achievement needs and improve overall school performance. The Plan serves as a blueprint for improvement, outlining strategies and action steps. You may view the School Improvement Plan on our school's website. If you would like to be part of the School Improvement Team, please contact our Family Liaison.

Feedback

We welcome your feedback! Please scan the QR code to complete a short feedback form. If you are unable to complete this form online, paper copies are located in our Family Resource Center.



Family Workshops & Activities

Our school will provide training and materials to help families work with their children to improve their academic achievement. Based on your feedback, we will host the following events:

- **September:** Open House, DAdvisory Dinner with Dad
- **October:** Family Math/STEM Night
- **November:** Report Card Training
- **December:** Winter Concert
- **January:** Behavioral Health Game Night
- **February:** Grandparents' Day
- **March:** Family Reading Night (One Book, One School)
- **April:** Student Assessments, Spring has Sprung
- **May:** Annual Title I Meeting & Summer Backpack Program
- **PTO Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday of the month (childcare provided)

Activities are subject to change. Information will be shared with families using flyers, ParentVUE and our website. Interpreters, childcare and transportation are available by request.

Ways to Volunteer

We welcome and encourage volunteers in our school! Volunteers may serve as mentors, tutors, non-paid coaches or club sponsors, chaperones, reading/math partners, parent group organization officers, and more. All volunteers must complete a training and background check. More information may be found on the CCBOE website. If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact our Family Liaison.

We are a new Community School!

Bringing Families, Communities and Partners Together!

As a new community school, we will work to build on our existing community partnerships to provide students and families with the physical/mental health, academic and extracurricular supports needed to thrive! Examples of community school supports include:

- Food market
- Vision and dental services
- Expanded school-based health center services
- Additional social workers, counselors and psychologists
- Additional mentors and restorative practice coaches
- Access to mental health practitioners

Your family liaison is here to support you!

Betty Clark, Title I Family Liaison
bclark@ccboe.com
301-753-1761



Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School

2025-2026

Title I Home/School Compact & Family Engagement Plan



A New Community School!

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This document was developed with Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy families using input from the Annual Title I Meeting held on May 20, 2025 and the 2025 Annual District Level Family Engagement Survey.

MHNES 2025-2026 Parent compact

Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Staff

As a school, we will share the responsibility to improve academic achievement and achieve high standards in the following ways:

- Listening and showing respect to families and students.
- Maintaining open communication with families and students on students' academic achievement.
- Setting high expectations for our students.
- Providing high quality and well-planned instruction.
- Providing encouragement.
- Demonstrating professional behavior and being positive role models.
- Providing information in agenda books.
- Enforcing school and class rules fairly.
- Creating a welcoming, positive, and safe learning environment.
- Providing opportunities for parent-teacher conferences.
- Providing progress reports.
- Providing families with contact information.
- Providing families with a variety of opportunities to be involved in their child's education such as Title I workshops, family nights, DADvisory Council, PTO, School Improvement Team, and volunteer programs.
- Attending PTO meetings and other school events.

A TEACHER
OPENS MINDS
AND TOUCHES
HEARTS ♥

Parents/Guardians

As parents/guardians, we will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Making sure that homework is completed and returned.
- Making sure my child comes to school on time and regularly.
- Keeping in contact with teachers and keeping communication open.
- Keeping communication open with my child by talking with them on a daily basis.
- Making sure my child understands and follows school rules.
- Providing my child with supplies (if additional supplies are needed, contacting my child's teacher).
- Encouraging my child.
- Making sure my child gets plenty of rest.
- Providing a quiet area for homework/homework center.
- Reviewing and signing my child's agenda book.
- Returning school papers in a timely manner.
- Volunteering when possible.
- Being respectful to school staff.
- Teaching my child to be respectful to school staff, other students, and bus drivers.
- Being a positive role model for my child.



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Students

As students, we will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement by:

- Always doing our best.
- Being respectful of our classmates and teachers (example: speaking kind words and keeping our hands to ourselves).
- Completing all assigned classwork.
- Being responsible for homework.
- Making sure we have our agenda book/homework sheet and that they are completed and signed by our parent/guardian.
- Getting ready for school on time and being prepared.
- Following the 3 R's - Ready, Responsible, and Respectful on the bus and at school.



MHNES 2025-2026 Parent compact

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act is the largest federally funded education program that provides extra support to students who are academically at-risk in public and private schools. Its purpose is to help ensure that all children have an opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards and assessments.

A Title I program will provide your child with educational support beyond the regular classroom. Some benefits may include, but are not limited to:

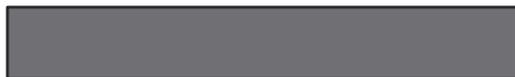
- Increased opportunities for family engagement
- Additional teachers and instructional assistants
- Supplementary instructional materials
- Increased technology in schools
- Tutors and specialized instructional support
- Additional professional learning opportunities for staff

CCPS Office of Title I, 5980 Radio Station Road, La Plata, MD 20646, 301-392-5520

For more information, please visit the CCPS Title I webpage.

<https://www.ccboe.com/departments/title-i>

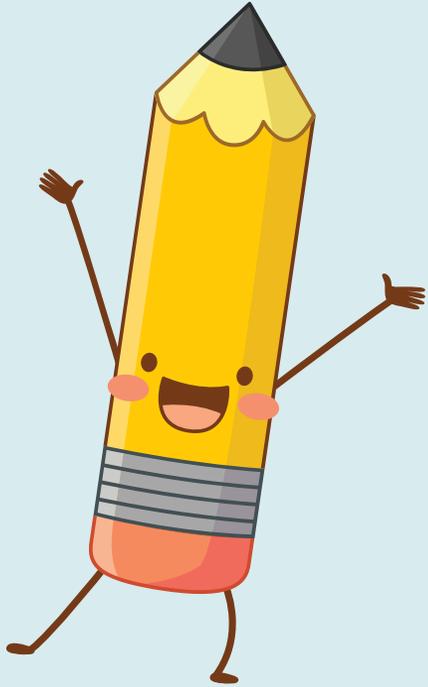
District Level Family Engagement Plan SY 2025-2026



Things to Know

1. Green School Certification & Stem Lab
2. Schedule the rest of the evening:
 - 5:30 - 5:35 *Arrival to child's homeroom classroom*
 - 5:35 – 5:55 pm Principal video presentation
 - 6:00 - 6:30 pm Classroom teacher session
 - 6:30 - 6:35 *pm transition to another classroom, cafeteria or special area*
 - 6:35 - 7:00 pm last session and departure
3. Important Dates/Events coming up:
 - Information in the cafeteria (Community Schools, Boy Scouts, 4H and more...)
 - See the October Community Newsletter [linked HERE](#)
 - **Follow Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy on Facebook!!**

Evaluation



- Please complete the paper hard-copy of the evaluation and drop it off on your way out.
- One evaluation per family is sufficient.
- We hope to use your feedback to better service our community.
- Thank you so much for your attendance and attention.