Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2026- 2027

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WHAT IS TITLE I?

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary 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 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 and schoolwide plan to strengthen student achievement.

Our Plan for Shared Student Achievement



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PLAN? This Plan explains how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School (MLKES) will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. MLK Elementary 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 MLK Elementary will support family engagement and provides information on how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

HOW IS THE PLAN REVISED? Parents are invited to attend the annual Title I Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum to review and revise this Plan, including the Schoolwide Plan, School-Parent Compact, and the family engagement budget. Meetings are scheduled at convenient times for parents. Feedback received will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask families for their suggestions on the Plan and use of funds for family engagement.

WHO IS THE PLAN FOR? MLKES is a schoolwide Title I, Part A program, and all families are encouraged to participate in multiple opportunities presented in this Plan. MLKES will also offer opportunities for full participation for families with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children. The Neglected and Delinquent Residential Facilities in the district are included in the family engagement correspondence and activities.

WHERE IS THE PLAN AVAILABLE? The Plan will be available in the front office, media center, principal's office, family engagement office, and posted on the school website. The Plan will be available for further distribution at the parent's request.

RAIDER PRIDE

2026-2027 DISTRICT GOALS

Increase the percent of students achieving a Lexile measure at the targeted grade levels (3rd, 5th, 8th, HS American Lit) to 55%as measured by the Milestones assessment scores. Decrease the percentage of students absent from school 6 or more days from 48.4% to 30%.

2026-2027 SCHOOL GOALS

Reading Goals

Reading:

- MLKES will increase grades K-2 students performing at the proficient level or above by 10% in ELA on STAR by May 2026.
- MLKES will increase grades 3-5 students performing at the proficient level or above by 10% in ELA on the Spring 2026 GMAS.

Focus Areas

- Reading Fluency and Comprehension

Math Goals

Math:

- MLKES will increase grades K-2 students performing at the proficient level or above by 10% in Math on STAR by May 2026.
- MLKES will increase grades 3-5 students performing at the proficient level or above by 10% in Math on the Spring 2026 GMAS.

Focus Area

- Number Sense; Fact Fluency

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

The School-Parent Compact is developed through a collaboration with teachers, parents, and students that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade level. standards. The compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from teachers, parents, and students during the Title I FACE Forum. The school-parent compact is also shared during parent-teacher conferences, and it is kept on file with each child's teacher if parents request another copy.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT!

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents and family members are held at flexible times and dates.

Open House– August 2026
Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Raider Fest Annual Title I Meeting – August 2026
We invite you to join us to learn about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement plan, the school-wide plan, school-parent compact, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be distributed through the Remind, posted on the school's website, and social media.

Technology Knowledge – September 2026
Parents will learn how to use technology as a resource to increase student learning in reading, math and monitor their child's progress through Parent Portal, including education about the harms of copyright piracy.

Building Staff Capacity (ongoing) – Faculty, staff, and parents will learn about effective ways to communicate (October, December, January, March)

Understanding Assessments – October 2026
Gain knowledge about the Georgia Standards of Excellence, Georgia Milestones, and local assessments, and monitoring your child's progress.

November Math Madness Night -Join us for our fun, interactive hands-on activities exploring math strategies.
Georgia Family Engagement Month – November 2026- MLKES students and staff will celebrate our parents and families.
National Parental Involvement Day – November 2026

Title I Parent Survey – November 2026
Share your feedback about the Title I program activities and family engagement budget.

Light it Up with Literacy Night – December 2026
Come and participate in a variety of activities that are spotlight reading strategies.

Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forums – February 2027 - March 2027
Participate in discussions to review/revise our schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement plan, school-parent compact, and family engagement budget.



Georgia Milestones Prep Workshop – March 2027
Engage and participate in learning strategies to prepare your child for the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

Smooth Move Workshop – February/May 2027
Examine the curriculum and expectations for the new school year for your child's next grade level.

Student Led Conferences 2026-2027

Student Led Conferences are ongoing throughout the school year. The conferences are student-led and allow the students to demonstrate responsibility for their academic performance by providing a review of their work for parents, teachers, and other stakeholders.

PARENT RESOURCES

If you need help finding educational resources to use at home with your child, contact our Family Engagement Facilitator Scherryl Morgan at:

478-779-2100 or
Monday-Friday
8:30 AM-3:00 PM

RAIDERTALK

Our school provides several outlets for ongoing communication about your child's education and family engagement opportunities--

- Email Parent Group
- Family and Community Engagement Forum
- Parent Portal
- Phone Calls
- Progress Reports/Report Cards
- School Messenger System
- School Newsletter
- School Website
- Social Media
- Teacher Test Talks/Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Parent Square

MLKES is committed to helping our parents attend the family engagement activities listed in this plan. If you need assistance to participate in our programs, please call our Family Engagement Facilitator, Scherryl Morgan, at 478-779-2100.

MLKES ELEMENTARY IS MOVING FORWARD!

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school 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 timely and published in English, and to the extent practicable, in a language that parents understand. An interpreter is available for events and meetings upon request.
- ✓ **Communicate** with all families and the community on a regular basis concerning upcoming school meetings and events. Parents can receive news and updates in the form of letters, newsletters, email, and social media (Facebook).
- ✓ **Conduct** staff development on family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to work with parents as equal partners. Professional development training will be provided to staff during faculty meetings and ongoing methods via email. Parents will assist in developing the training presentation materials.
- ✓ **Partner** with our local Pre-K programs and our zone middle school to coordinate and integrate family engagement activities for families of Pre-K and 5th grade students as they move from one school setting to another.
- ✓ **Provide** necessary materials in our Parent Resource Area and workshops for parents to gain an understanding about grade level standards and how to monitor their child's progress.
- ✓ **Listen** and respond to parents' requests for additional support for family engagement activities through workshops evaluations, district surveys, and other meetings.
- ✓ **Submit** parent feedback about any part of the Title I Schoolwide Plan that parents feel is not satisfactory to the goals for student and school academic achievement to the local Title I office.



PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT STANDARDS

MLKES and our parents 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

VOLUNTEER AT MLKES

If you would like to learn more about the School Volunteer Team, please contact our Family Engagement Facilitator, Scherryl Morgan at 478-779-2100, or complete the school volunteer team form, and leave it in the main office.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School Volunteer Team

- ✓ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the MLKES Volunteer Team.
- ✓ Please contact me so that I can learn more about joining the MLKES School Community Team.
- ✓ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

Parents, we want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if any part of this Plan that you feel is not satisfactory to the goals for student and school academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and submit this form to the school main office.

School: _____

Name (optional): _____

Telephone Number (optional): _____

Email(optional): _____

Comments:

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