

Miller Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2020-2021 School Year



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What is Title I?

Miller 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 reinforce and enhance efforts 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 all parents and family members a written parent and family engagement plan.

School Plan for Shared Student Success



What is it? The MES Parent and Family Engagement Plan describes how our school will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Miller 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 how parents and families can partner with MES and help develop and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised? Parents are invited to join the Parent Action Team will meet virtually once a year to develop our yearly family activities and to revise Title I documents such as the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and School-Parent Compact. Each spring families are invited to attend a virtual shared decision-making meeting where they have the opportunity to review and give feedback on Title I documents (School-wide Plan, Compacts, Engagement Plan, and budget including the 1% set aside). Parents that are unable to attend meetings are always welcome to have copies of materials sent home to review and revise.

Additionally, the Annual Title I Parent and Family Satisfaction survey distributed every spring allows parents to give feedback on the year's events, required notifications, communication, and budget. Finally, parent feedback is welcome anytime throughout the year by contacting the Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator by phone or email, and completing the feedback form on our Title I Parent Information page on the school's website.

Who is it for? This plan is for all students and their families participating in the Title I, Part A program and are encouraged and invited to attend events described in this plan. MES will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members that speak languages other than English, with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. Miller is fortunate to have faculty and staff who speak Spanish, Mandarin Chinese and can communicate using sign language.

Where is it available? The Parent and Family Engagement Plan is included in the Title I Handbook and distributed to all students at the beginning of the year and to new students during the school year. The plan is also available on the school website. Parents may also request a copy sent home with their child any time during the year.

Parent and Family Engagement Program Activities

Miller Elementary will host the following events virtually (to adhere to Covid-19 requirements) to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. We schedule meetings and events at various times and in different formats to accommodate as many families' needs as possible.

Virtual Annual Title I Meeting – September 1, 2020

Parents will attend a Zoom meeting to learn about our Title I program, including the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the School wide plan, the School-Parent compacts, and parents' requirements.

Parent Google Classroom Information Night – September 2020

Provides parents and families information on how to locate and navigate Google classroom. Parents and students will also learn their responsibilities and expectations for virtual learning.

Teacher Tips Tuesday - Monthly

A question and answer session where parents submit their questions ahead of time that grade level teachers will answer. Attendees will also an opportunity to have questions answered live.

Virtual Parent / Teacher Conferences – October 2020

Scheduled meeting with your child's teacher to discuss your child's academic progress.

Safe Internet Surfing for Parents – November 2020

Parents will learn about websites and apps to have their children avoid as well as safety measures they can take to protect their children on the internet.

Georgia Milestones Workshop – December 2020 (3rd grade parents) & January 2021 (3rd-5th parents)

Learn about standardized test expectations, resources to better help students prepare for the test, and how to read test results.



Houston County

District Goals 2020-2021

Increase the value of the overall district College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) score by 3% focusing on literacy, high quality standards based instruction and Multi-Tier System of Supports.

Increase the percentage of parents who feel their child's school provides various opportunities for engagement.



Miller Elementary Goals 2020-2021

For the 2020-2021 school year, due to state not administering Georgia Milestones 2020, Miller Elementary will increase its CCRPI score by 3% between the 2019 score of 70.3.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, MES and our families will develop a school-parent compact. The compact is a document that explains how teachers, parents and students will work together to make sure all of our students successfully reach our state, district, and school goals.

We review and update compacts yearly based on parent, teacher and student input from Shared Decision Making and Parent Action Team meetings or from at home review. Teachers, parents, and students are asked to sign the compact and it is kept on file.

Families are provided a copy of the grade level compact in the Title I handbook and copies are available from the school upon request. The compact is discussed during parent-teacher conferences and on an on-going basis.

Parent Resource Center

Parents and Family members may access our exciting, interactive parent resource center (PRC) located on the school's webpage under the Title I Parent Information tab.

There you will find various resources and important links! If you are unable to attend any virtual event, we will be happy to provide program materials.

Contact our Parent Engagement Coordinator, Natarsha Williams, at 478-929-7814 ext. 2457 or at natarsha.williams@hcbe.net for more information.

Our Pledge to our Parents and Families

Miller Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as equal partners in their child's education. In order to reach our goal of the highest quality of student achievement, MES pledges to support our students and their families as the foundation of the school. We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are published in English and Spanish and are parent and family member friendly.
- Provide at least four staff development trainings on parent and family engagement, on providing information in a friendly format, on responding to parent requests, and on the importance of parent engagement to build partnerships between home and school.
- Collaborate with Head Start and/or Early Reading programs and provide resources to help prepare parents, family members, and their student for a successful transition into Kindergarten.
- Provide information in both English and Spanish for parents and family members to understand better the school's academic standards and assessments, and ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with teachers.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis through: Parent meetings, Google Classroom, parent-teacher conferences, parent workshops, interactive parent resource center, classroom newsletters, school website, school Facebook, Wednesday folder, email, texting, school messaging system, ClassTag app and school marquee.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations that educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- Provide necessary resources and materials for parents at conferences, workshops, meetings and activities to help parents work to improve their child's academic success.
- Collaborate with the stakeholders and community and business partners to increase the awareness of parent and community engagement programs.
- Provide information on classes to help further enhance our parents' various educational levels.
- Collect feedback from parents and family members after academic events in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for engagement activities.



Parent Action Team

MES invites all families to participate in our Parent Action Team (PAT). The purpose of the PAT is to give parents and family members an opportunity to give input into our yearly parent engagement activities and Title I documents such as the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and School-Parent Compact.

Be on the lookout for our virtual meeting to share your ideas and suggestions that are always welcome. If you would like to learn more about the PAT, please contact Natarsha Williams at (478) 929-7814 ext. 2457.



Parent and Family

Engagement Standards

Miller Elementary has 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

YOUR OPINION
COUNTS!

Share Your Thoughts/Comments/Suggestions

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 complementary to the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and send to school with your child or email your responses to Natarsha Williams (natarsha.williams@hcb.e.net), the Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator.

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

Comments/Suggestions: _____