

Mount Zion Middle School
Parent and Family Engagement Plan



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Policy and Plan for Shared
Student Success

2018-19 School Year

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What is Title I?

Mount Zion Middle 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 a parent and family engagement plan with parents and family.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Mount Zion Middle will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Mount Zion Middle values the contributions and involvement 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 Mount Zion Middle will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Mount Zion Middle School invited all parents to attend our Annual Title I Meeting on August 16, 2018 from 4:00-5:00 and our Stakeholder Engagement Input Meeting on August 16, 2018 from 5:00-6:00 pm at MZMS to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. The draft copy of this plan was published on the school's website from August 20-25, 2018 for additional input. Parent input and comments regarding this plan are also welcome during the school year through an online form located on the school website. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online during March to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Paper copies of the plan are available in the front office of the school. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year. Complaints may be filed by accessing the link on the Title I page on the school's website or you may contact the Title I Director at Carroll County Schools at 770-832-3568.

Who is it for?

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

Where is it available?

A copy of this plan will be sent home with each student by September 7, 2018. The plan will also be posted on the school website and Facebook page. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center or by contacting Kim Gilbert, Family Engagement Coordinator at 770-834-3389.

2018-19 District Goals

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3. The percentage of 8th graders scoring at Proficient or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) Social Studies End of Grade Assessment will increase by three percentage points.
4. The percentage of 8th graders scoring at Proficient or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) Science End of Grade Assessment will increase by three percentage points.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Mount Zion Middle and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will 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 during the Annual Title I meeting and the Stakeholder Input meetings. The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.

Let's Get Together!

Mount Zion Middle 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 will be held at Mount Zion Middle beginning at 6:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Parents who are unable to attend evening sessions may contact the Family Engagement coordinator, Kim Gilbert, to obtain optional meeting times.

Open House – August 8, 2018 5:30-7:30

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Annual Cluster Celebration—August 14, 2018 7:00 pm Mt. Zion Elementary

Come join us as we celebrate all of the achievements and accomplishments over the past year for Mount Zion Elementary, Middle, and High school.

Annual Title I Meeting – August 16, 2018 4:00-5:00 pm

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Meeting reminders will be sent via flyers, school messenger, social media, and school website.

Title I Parent and Stakeholder Input Meeting-August 16, 2018 5:00-6:00 pm

We invite you to provide input on our Title I program including the Title I School-Wide Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the School Parent Compact, and the 1% Parental Involvement Budget. Meeting reminders will be sent via Flyer, school messenger, social media, and school website. Input may also be made on the school website from August 20-25, 2018 or any other time during the school year. The input will be used to revise and develop next year's plans.

Title I Math and Science Night-Thursday, October 23, 2018 6:30 pm

Come have some fun participating in hands on learning activities that you can do with your child in the areas of Math and Science. View the Georgia Standards of Excellence and some of the exciting things your student(s) is learning at school. Also learn about the different programs your student can use now to work on practice items for the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

Title I Literacy Night-March 11, 2019 6:30 pm

We invite you to an evening of literacy including how to get your students to read and the importance of reading, ways to make reading fun, and the different types of writing your students are participating in. View the Georgia Standards of Excellence and some of the exciting things your student(s) is learning at school. Additionally, we will explore the different technology tools your students are working with to make reading and writing easier including Google classroom and Readworks.

Title I Family Night Georgia Milestones-- April 16, 2019 6:30 pm (Additional Meeting time is 8:30 am)

Parents and family members are invited to work with their student sample GMAS test questions and learn about resources to assist your student in mastering the Georgia Milestones.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences –As requested

Please contact Ms. Kim Gilbert to schedule a conference with your child's teachers any time that would be convenient for parents.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to use for Infinite Campus access and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 7:45 am – 4:00 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Mount Zion Middle believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Mount Zion Middle 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 transportation or childcare.

Kim Gilbert, Family Engagement Coordinator
770-834-3389
kim.gilbert@carrollcountyschools.com

Mount Zion Middle supports Parent and Family Engagement

Mount Zion Middle will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order 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 published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- ✓ Provide monthly trainings for staff at least twice per semester during face to face faculty meetings and online resources on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with all content areas for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled collaborative plannings.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning. Upcoming 6th and 8th grade students will participate in Step Up day in May of each year in which students will tour schools during the school day and informational meetings will be held for parents on designated nights.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website, at Parent Nights, in conferences, and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the Georgia Standards of Excellence which is the state curriculum in all content areas.
- ✓ Share assessment data with parents as results of the Georgia Milestones Assessments are received. Individual results with interpretation guides are sent home with students. Parents may contact the school counselor for conferences to further discuss results.
- ✓ Inform parents of ways to access Infinite Campus Parent Portal to view grades and student progress. The School Counselor will set up parent conferences at the request of the teacher or parents as needed.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through school messenger, Constant Contact newsletters, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Use our Business Partners in Education and School Leadership Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, and conduct surveys each March in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Mount Zion Middle and our parents have 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

GET INVOLVED!!!

Mount Zion Middle invites all parents and stakeholders to get involved. Attend Title I Nights, Volunteer at the School, Join Parent Partners in Education, Become a Business Partner, take part in School Council Meetings, or share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. If you would like to learn more being involved, please contact the Kim Gilbert, Parent and Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator at 770-834-3389 or kim.gilbert@carrollcountyschools.com



Parent Partners In Education

Is a group of volunteers committed to helping students at MZMS be successful and helps promote academics, social, and extracurricular activities at MZMS. If you would like to volunteer please let Nikki Purvis know or complete this form and return to the school. Follow PPE on their Facebook page Mt. Zion Parent Partners in Education.

I am interested in volunteering with Parent Partners in Education.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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 provide us with your comments in the space provided and return this form to Ms. Kim Gilbert. Input forms are also available at mzm.carrollcountyschools.com

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

