

**Mary Lee Clark Elementary School
Parent Family Engagement Plan**

2017 – 2018 School Year



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What is Title I?

Mary Lee Clark Elementary School 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 with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Mary Lee Clark Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Mary Lee Clark Elementary School 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 Mary Lee Clark Elementary School 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 developed? Mary Lee Clark Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by student to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement.

What feedback indicated? The yearly survey showed that parents wanted more information on homework help and testing/preparation followed by improving reading and math skills as well as understanding state academic standards. The survey showed that parents preferred meetings in the morning and evening over noon/lunch time.

Who is it for? All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Mary Lee Clark will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of students with disabilities, parents of migratory children, as well as guardians of children served through the Methodist Children's Home. Mary Lee Clark Elementary School will offer childcare and transportation to the extent practicable upon request.

Where is it available? Once adopted, the plan is posted on-line on the school website, in the school resource room, in the front offices.

Elementary School Promotion Standards

Grades 1-5

Students must pass language arts, reading, mathematics, science, and social studies and connections courses as they apply.

All students in grades 1-2 must have a passing final grade of "2" or higher in language arts and mathematics; and "S" for satisfactory in science and social studies.

- All students in grades 3 – 5 must have passing final grades of 70% or higher in language arts, reading, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- 3rd Grade students must also pass the Reading of the Georgia Milestones EOG.
- 5th Grade students must also pass the Reading AND Mathematics portions of the Georgia Milestones EOG. Click [HERE](#) for further information

Parent Resource Center

Located in the media center, it is stocked with a variety of materials and resources to help your child achieve academic success. *Open school days from 8:15-3:15.*

2018-19 District Goals

- To increase the percentage of 3-12 grade students designated as proficient or higher on the ELA GMAS from 54% in 2018 to 57% in 2019, and 60% in 2020.

-Increase the percentage of all students designated as proficient or higher on the Math GMAS from 58% in 2018 to 61% in 2019, and 64% in 2020.

2018-19 School Goals

1. Increase the literary and informational reading level of all students
2. Increase the Language Arts achievement of all students
3. Increase mathematics achievement of all students
4. Increase the social studies achievement of all students

School-Parent Compacts

- ✓ As part of this plan, Mary Lee Clark Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together 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.
- ✓ Parents will retain a copy of the compact for their use.
- ✓ Additionally the compact can be viewed on-line, and will be provided to parents upon request. Teachers will review the compacts with parents during conferences.

Title I Meetings

Mary Lee Clark Elementary School invites all parents to participate in scheduled meetings, to share ideas and ways to involve other parents, and to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. Meetings are held throughout the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Title I meetings, please contact Laurie Sutton, Principal , (912) 882 - 4373

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Camden County Schools has adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the county'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

Stay Informed

Please visit the MLCES website: <http://MLCES.camden.k12.ga.us> for information on upcoming events, school activities, parent information, Title I and school documents and to find links to teacher e-mail and websites.



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Parental Involvement

Mary Lee Clark Elementary School 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 –

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That parents have the right to know the qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals
- That parents know there is a grievance procedure & how to access it
- 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 including Title I Stakeholder Input Meeting, Annual Title I Meeting, Monthly School Council meetings;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Mary Lee Clark Elementary School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or e-mail us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Mary Lee Clark Elementary is Branching Out!

Mary Lee Clark Elementary 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 –

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and requested languages (per home language survey), and posted on the school website and included in school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Conduct on-going staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Share information to assist parents in understanding the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Assist parents in setting up parent PowerSchool e-mail alert messages.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, via phone messages, Facebook, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Offer parent workshops on relevant and topics.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ✓ Assist parents and students in transitions between elementary and middle and middle and high school.

Let's Get Together!

Mary Lee Clark Elementary School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement:

Event	Dates
Open House	August 1, 2018
Back to School Bash	August 2018
Title I Annual Meeting	August 2018
Pre-Kindergarten Orientation	August 2018
PTA Kick-Off Meeting/Bingo Night	August 2018
PTA Dance	October 2018
Family Fall Festival	November 2018
Book Fair/Secret Santa Shop	December 2018
Movie Night	January 2019
Donuts with Dudes	February 2019
Valentine's Dance	February 2019
After School movie	March 2019
Muffins with Mom	May 2019
Field Day	May 2019
Third Grade Play	May 2019
Terrific Kids Program	October 2018 December 2018 March 2019 May 2019