**Matilda Harris Elementary School**

***Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success***

*2022-2023 School Year*

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**What is Title I?**

Matilda Harris 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 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  
 plan.

School Plan for Shared

Student Achievement

**What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Matilda Harris Elementary will provide

opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning.

Matilda Harris Elementary 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 Matilda Harris Elementary 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?**

Matilda Harris Elementary invited all parents to attend our Title I Stakeholder Input meeting last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan, staff and parent trainings, our school-parent compact, and the 1% reserved funds for family and parent engagement activities. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. An annual online survey is also shared with parents in the Spring asking for input on the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the School Parent Compact, the 1% reserved funds for Parent and Family Engagement activities and building the capacity of our staff and parents.

**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. Matilda Harris Elementary 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?**

The plan will also be posted on the school website and social media. A copy of the plan is also available in the Parent Resource Center.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Matilda Harris Elementary 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

our Title I Stakeholder Input meeting and the annual

online survey which takes

place in the Spring. 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!**

Matilda Harris 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 various times throughout the year to make it more accommodating for our families.

Open House – July 28, 2022

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

Grandparents Day, September 14, 2022

A celebration of our Grandparents and how their relationship is important to their grandchild’s success!

Pizza with the Principal: Annual Title I Meeting – September 27th, 11:30-12:30

We invite you to a lunch 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. Invitations will be emailed and posted in our school’s social platforms.

C4: “Grade-Level Orientations” August 24, 2022: Two Sessions: 4:30 PM or 5:15 PM

Learn helpful information to prepare for the school year.

Fall Festival, October 27, 2022

Families are invited to join us for fun and games to help build relationships between our staff, students and parents.

C4: “Parents as Partners” January 19, 2023

Updates on your child’s progress and how parent involvement is key in your child’s success.

C4: Summer Slide and EOG Test Prep, March 23, 2023

Join us as we share activities to do with your child during the summer and ways to help your child be successful on the End of Grade Milestones Assessment.

Popcorn with the Principal: Title I Stakeholders Meeting, May 5, 2023 @ 2:00 PM

Parents join Mrs. Cobb as she presents our FY24 school year plans and has an open forum for stakeholders to give their input.

2022-2023 District Goals

\*To increase the percentage of students in grades 3- 12 meeting proficient or higher on the GMAS ELA EOC/EOG from 59% to 62% (ES), from 53% to 56% (MS), and from 57% to 60% (HS).

\*To increase the percentage of students in grades 3- 12 meeting proficient or higher on the GMAS Math EOC/EOG from 65% to 68% (ES), from 46% to 49% (MS), from 58% to 61% (HS).

\*To increase the percentage of students in grades 3- 12 meeting proficient or higher on the GMAS Science EOC/EOG from 67% to 70% (ES), from 67% to 70% (MS), from 66% to 69% (HS).

2022-2023 School Goals

\*Increase the % of students performing in the proficient and distinguished levels from 55% to 58% on the 2023 ELA Georgia Milestones for grades 3-5.

\*Increase the % of student performing in the proficient and distinguished levels from 67% to 70% on the 2023 Math EOG for grades 3-5.

**Matilda Harris Elementary is Branching Out!**

Matilda Harris Elementary 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 other requested languages as practicable, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly teacher newsletters for all families.
* Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled meetings.
* 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.
* Share information in English and other requested languages in the school announcements home for parents to understand the school’s academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child’s progress and work with educators.
* Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, 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.
* Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, in order to respond to parents’ requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Matilda Harris is committed to helping our

parents and families attend the family

activities listed in this plan. Please call

or email us if you need assistance with

childcare or transportation in order to

participate in our programs.

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**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 explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

MHES 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.
* The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

PTO

Matilda Harris Elementary invites all parents to join and become involved to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys or email Mrs. Rivers at jennyrrivers@yahoo.com. If you would like to learn more about the ways to become involved, please contact the principal at 912-729-2940

or complete the interest

form and l eave it in the

Main Office.

**Share Your Thoughts**

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 satisfactory with the students’ and the school’s goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)

**MHES Parent Involvement**

* Yes, I am interested and wish to become more involved at MHES.
* Please contact me so I can learn more about coming involved at MHES.
* Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name:

Child’s Name and Grade:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address:

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Matilda Harris Elementary 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