

Memorial Drive Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success 2019-2020 School Year



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Due to school closures during the 2019-2020 school year, district plans/policies, school plan/policy, and compacts may remain active for the 2020-2021 school year. Revisions and updates will be made and distributed to families as changes are made with our goal of having new and updated Family and Community Engagement compliance documents for the 2021-2022 school year.

Memorial Drive is a Title I School

Memorial Drive Elementary School is identified as a school-wide Title I school as part of the Every Student succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local 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 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 Memorial Drive Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Memorial Drive values the contributions and engagement of parents and families in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Memorial Drive 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? Memorial Drive welcomes all parent and family input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All 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. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent engagement. Parents can also give feedback during various parent meetings and workshops to help revise the plan. All parents are invited to the Spring Evaluation meeting to review and revise our school plan.

Who is it for? Memorial Drive is a school-wide Title I school, so all students participate in the Title I, Part A program. All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Memorial Drive will provide opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? The plan is sent home with every student and is available on the school website. Parents can also request a copy of the plan from the Title I Family Engagement Coordinator.



Ware County School District Goal 2019-2020

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School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Memorial Drive and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that teachers, parents, and students will develop that explains how families and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach or exceed grade level academic standards.

The compact is a clear reminder of everyone's promise to be actively involved in the success of students.

The compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Let's Work Together!

Memorial Drive will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community in order to improve student academic achievement:

[Open House](#)

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

[Annual Title I Meeting](#)

- ✓ We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program including our Family Engagement Plan, the School Improvement Plan, and the School-Parent Compacts. Notifications will be in the Waycross Journal Herald newspaper, phone calls, postings on the school website and the outdoor sign, and the grade level weekly newsletters.

[Grade Level Parent Workshops](#)

- ✓ Learn helpful information to support your child's learning.

[Book Fair – Fall and Spring](#)

- ✓ Come and spend some time reading with your child and exploring books for sale.
- ✓ Volunteer to help at Book Fair.

[Honors Days/PTO Meetings](#)

- ✓ Watch for notices in weekly newsletters, website, and flyers.

[School Council/ Family Engagement Committee Meetings](#)

- ✓ **ALL** parents are invited to attend!

[Spring Stakeholder Input](#)

- ✓ Provide feedback on the school improvement plan, family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the parent set-aside budget.



Parent Resource Centers

Come visit the Parent Resource Book room and Math/Science room to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child.

Parent and Family Engagement

Memorial Drive believes that parent engagement/family engagement means the participation of parents or guardians in regular, two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, ensuring:

- that parents/guardians play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- that parents/guardians 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;
- that parents carry out other activities as described in this plan.

Memorial Drive School is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family engagement workshops and events listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance in order to participate in our programs.

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Memorial Drive Elementary School—

Memorial Drive Elementary School 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, workshops, and other activities is published in English and available in Spanish (per request), and posted on the school website.
- ✓ Conduct staff development on parent engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Share information on the school website, and in the school newsletter 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 school wide events and activities, such as phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations on the importance of parental engagement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and workshops 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 engagement plan and activities.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental engagement activities.
- ✓ Work with Pre-K and 5th grade parents and students to ensure a smooth transition from pre-school to kindergarten as well as 5th grade to middle school.

Family Engagement Standards

Memorial Drive Elementary and our parents follow 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



Family Engagement Team Committee

- Yes, I would like to join the Family Engagement Team Committee and would like to know about future meetings.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Email address: _____

Parent and Family Engagement Committee

Memorial Drive invites all parents and families to join the Family Engagement Committee to share ideas and ways to involve other parents/guardians to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet two times during 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 spring stakeholders meeting. If you would like to learn more about the Family Engagement Committee, please contact Lesley Wheeler at (912) 287-2327.

If you are interested in the Family Engagement Team Committee please complete the interest form and return it to the school.

You can also send an email to Lesley Wheeler, Title I Parent Engagement Coordinator for Memorial Drive

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