

School-Family Compact Marietta Middle School

MMS School – Family Compact 2019-2020 School Year



Marietta Middle School

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Building Partnerships

MMS will host several events to build capacity for strong parental involvement, and to support a partnership among school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. We understand that the transition to middle school can be challenging and have designed events to facilitate this process. Some of these events are:

- July 31st: Meet & Greet
- Oct. 14th-18th: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Math Nights : TBD

We offer opportunities for parents to volunteer in school and with the PTSA, the school store, the media center, the classroom, as well as chaperone field trips and as any other opportunities arise, teachers will reach out to their team parents for any opportunities.

Other ways to stay involved...

Use the blog, Aspen or make a personalized agenda to ask your child about their day.

Ask your child about what he/she is currently reading whether in the classroom or what they've gotten from the library.

What is a School-Family Compact?

We, the faculty, staff, parents, and students of Marietta Middle School have come together as a team to write this compact outlining how the parents, school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It also describes ways in which school and parents develop a partnership that will help children achieve the state's high standards. Parents contribute during several meetings, including 7th grade Parent Night, Meet and Greet, and Open House. Feedback is also requested through the school's blog, emails, and Parent Survey. Teachers contributed during their goal-setting activities, department chair meetings, and staff meetings. Comments and suggestions are welcome at any time. If you would like to volunteer, participate and/or comment, please contact Mary Thurman at mthurman@marietta-city.k12.ga.us or 770-422-0311 ext. 5513

Marietta City Schools Goals for Student Achievement

- All students will reach high standards, at a minimum attaining proficiency or better, in reading/language arts and mathematics in their End-of-Grade Milestones Assessments
- All limited English proficient students will become proficient in English and reach high academic standards, at a minimum attaining proficiency or better, in reading/language arts and mathematics.
- All students will be taught by highly qualified teachers.
- All students will be educated in learning environments that are safe, drug free, and conducive to learning.
- All students will graduate from high school.

Marietta Middle School Goals for Student Achievement

Marietta Middle School administrators and teachers have studied our student performance data and determined the most important areas of improvement for our school.

- Smart Goal #1: Increase the percentage of students performing at Proficient or Distinguished in ELA to 46% on the Georgia Milestones.
- Smart Goal #2: Increase the percentage of students performing at Proficient or Distinguished in mathematics to 43% on the Georgia Milestones.

Focus Goals

- Continued implementation of a guaranteed and viable literacy curriculum
- Implement a guaranteed and viable mathematics curriculum
- Leverage digital platforms to improve quality of school communications.
- Improve the quality and quantity of communication among students, teachers, and parents.

School Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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School staff will...

MMS staff works with students and their families to support students' success. Some of the things you can expect are:

- Use of standards-based instruction to ensure access to grade level curriculum.
- Use of ASPEN pages to update grades and assignments
- Use of Schoology for learning resources.
- Weekly conversation starters and opportunities for involvement.
- Open lines of communication.
- Use of assessments (quizzes, tests, Benchmarks, MAP, etc.) to differentiate instruction, and to identify candidates for tutoring, connection classes (math/reading) or other support.
- Parent workshops to support children at home. Including ASPEN, Homework Help and Math Essentials.

Students will...

MMS students have joined staff and parents to develop ideas about what they can do to be successful at school. Some of the ideas are:

- Check out a variety of books from the media center and/or your teacher's classroom to ensure having reading material at all times.
- Log into ASPEN page to check grades and teacher notes at least once a week.
- Keep track of assignments and responsibilities through the use Schoology.
- Share notes and documents with my family.
- Discuss rubrics for assignments with my family.
- Listen to announcements and news.
- Abide by the MCS Behavior Code and MMS Behavior Expectations to ensure a safe and productive environment for all.

Parents will...

MMS parents have made suggestions through different venues including 7th grade Parent Night, Meet & Greet, Meet the Principal, Open House, Parent Survey, emails, phone calls and the blog. Parents are encouraged to develop more strategies to add to this list. Some ideas are:

- Ask my child about weekly contents and inquire about their life at MMS.
- Check ASPEN, Schoology, and other available websites to review academic performance.
- Keep a line of communication with teachers and lookout for blog posts, flyers and emails.
- Read information coming from school (notes, blog, emails)
- Attend at least one workshops or training on tools to support my child if possible.
- Encourage and model reading at home.

Communication about Student Learning

Parents/Guardians will receive information from our school in their child's home language in a timely manner. Marietta Middle School uses the following communication methods to provide parents/guardians with information:

- ✓ Weekly school-wide blog (<https://www.marietta-city.org/domain/1175>).
- ✓ Remind texting system
- ✓ Facebook (Marietta Middle School)
- ✓ Twitter(@MariettaMiddleSc)
- ✓ Postcards/Flyers/Letters
- ✓ Schoology
- ✓ Bilingual/Trilingual Blackboard Connect Calls, Posts, and Messages
- ✓ Parent/Teacher Conferences in October and March
- ✓ School Governance Team
- ✓ School Website: <http://mms.marietta-city.org/Domain/17>

Student Behavior Expectations

MCS Behavior Code can be found in the Parent Information Guide distributed to every family at the beginning of the school year. All students will follow the Blue Devil Standard based upon the ten characteristics of an IB learner.

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)

MMS school wide behavior plan follows the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) approach. Based on their choices, students will receive consequences or rewards, which include dress-down days, weekly incentives of Lunch on the Green or alternative, and monthly behavioral incentives.

Do you have questions about your child's progress?

Contact your child's teacher by phone at 770-422-0311 or email. Email addresses are available on the school website at <http://mms.marietta-city.org>