

**School-Family Compact
Marietta Sixth Grade Academy**

**MSGA School – Family Compact
2018-2019 School Year**



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Marietta City Schools Goals

- All students will reach high standards, at a minimum attaining proficiency or better, in reading/language arts and mathematics.
- 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 Sixth Grade Academy Academic Goals

Our mission is to develop **global** learners through **connected learning** experiences. MSGA has defined the following goals:

SUBJECT	GOALS FOR 2018-19
English Language Arts and Mathematics	All students will increase in growth from 43% proficient and distinguished to 47% proficient and distinguished

***Create a positive classroom and school community where all students can learn and where instructional time is maximized through quarterly monitoring of school climate data**

School staff will...

MSGA 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.
- Staff will update the Aspen Family Portal at least biweekly.
- Aspen pages will be used to update grades, assignments and learning resources.
- Our monthly e-newsletter will feature content suggestions to discuss with your students.
- Keep open lines of communication.
- Teachers will use different assessments like quizzes, tests, MAP assessments to differentiate instruction in their classrooms.

Parents will...

MSGA parents have made suggestions through different venues, including Open House, Side by Side workshops, Parent Survey and the newsletter; of ideas that can be implemented at home. Parents are encouraged to develop more strategies to add to this list. Some ideas are:

- Review my child's agenda regularly.
- Check ASPEN and other available websites to review academic performance.
- Read team and school newsletters.
- Attend workshops and trainings on tools to support my child.
- Maintain open line of communication with teachers.

Students will...

MSGA students took time during their advisement class 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 media center.
- Log into ASPEN page to check grades and teacher notes.
- Keep track of my progress thru the Passport to Graduation to meet my goals.
- Share notes and other documents with my family.
- Discuss rubrics for assignments with my family.
- Show agenda to parents regularly.
- Listen to announcements and news.

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What is a School-Family Compact?

We, the faculty, staff, parents, and students of Marietta Sixth Grade Academy 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. Students contributed to this compact during their advisement class. Parents contributed during several meetings, including Coffee Talk with Principal, Side by Side Workshops and Open House. Feedback was also requested thru the school's newsletter and Parent Survey. Teachers contributed during their goal-setting activities, department chair meetings, and staff meetings. Comments and suggestions are welcomed at any time. If you would like to volunteer, participate and/or comment, please contact Victoria Hunter at vhunter@marietta-city.k12.ga.us 770-429-3115 ext. 5813.

MSGA will communicate about student progress and opportunities for involvement:

MSGA will take the following measures to promote and encourage frequent two-way communication with families about their children's learning. We will:

- ✓ Send home bilingual Title I education documents occasionally
- ✓ Have a Parent Liaison and Parent Resource Room available
- ✓ Send home either Monthly or Weekly Electronic newsletter
- ✓ Post calendars/newsletters to school Facebook page, and Website
- ✓ Update ASPEN Family Portal biweekly
- ✓ Maintain the school Website: <http://msga.marietta-city.org>
- ✓ Deliver bilingual phone messages and reminders through automated remind.com
- ✓ Offer student-led Parent-Teacher conferences in October and March
- ✓ Review the Passport to Graduation form to ensure our students are on the right track

Do you have questions about your child's progress? Contact your child's teacher by phone at 770-429-3115 or email. Email addresses are available on the school website at <http://msga.marietta-city.org>

Building Partnerships

MSGA will collect data thru the Parent Survey at the beginning of the year to develop a series of Side by Side Family workshops to support families thru best research practices. We will have the following workshops during 2017-2018:

- **August 1: Meet and Greet** (helping families meet and get to know teachers and school staff.)
- **August 21: Side by Side/ Tools for Success for the Middle School Student** – (Aspen, Compass Learning and What does your pre-teen need to be successful) 9:30am to 10:30am and 5:30pm to 6:30pm
- **August 23: Open House** (A night for families to learn about a day in the life of a middle school child.)
- **September 12: Side by Side/Math Essentials** 5:30pm to 6:30pm
- **October 25: PrinciPAL Pow-Wow /Title I meeting:** (Conversations on engagement, Title I presentation) 6:30pm 7:30pm
- **March 13: Side by Side/Preparing for Testing** 9:30am to 10:30am

Snacks, children welcome, translation

We offer opportunities for parents to volunteer in school and with the PTSA, the school store, in the classroom, as well as chaperone field trips. Additional volunteer opportunities will be listed in the newsletter under Parent Opportunities.

School Representative Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Student Signature:

Date: