



MIDWAY HILLS ACADEMY Family Engagement Plan

Midway Hills Academy (MHA) is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). <https://www.ed.gov/essa?src=rn>

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. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents, and families, a written parent and family engagement plan. Title I programs are based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement.

Midway Hills Academy Plan for student success

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Midway Hills Academy will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. MHA values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement.

How is it revised?

Midway Hills Academy invites all parents to attend the Annual Title I Meeting(Forum) every Fall and Spring to review and revise the parent and family engagement policy as well as the school wide plan, the school-parent compact, and the family engagement plan. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding the plan are welcome throughout the school year via online forms, during parent meetings, Local Governance Team Meetings, and school activities.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Midway Hills Academy 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?

Midway Hills Academy's School-Parent Compact and Family Engagement Policy can be found on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan from the school office. Parent compacts are sent home with every student each year.



District Goal:

Midway Hills Academy will host the following events to build strong family engagement to support partnerships with the school, parents, and the community as a guiding focus for student achievement.

✓ Open House

Parents may meet teachers and all MHA staff

✓ Annual Title 1 Meeting

Informational Meeting to discuss MHA's Title I Program, parent and family engagement policy, School Improvement plan, Title I initiatives, school-parent compact, where all stakeholders have the opportunity to provide feedback.

✓ Parent-Teacher Conferences

MHA parents meet with teachers to discuss student progress, academic assessment results and strategies to support the whole student. Conferences are provided person, virtual, or via telephone.

✓ Assessment Parent Meeting

Midway Hills Academy provides opportunities for parents to better understand the assessments their child will be taking and how to interpret the data collected from the assessment.

✓ Title 1 Parent/Family

Workshops/Community Events

Midway Hills Academy provides workshops for parents that focus on parents' awareness, improving student's academic achievement such as Literacy/Fine Arts/Math/Stem Nights and Technology Informational meetings on items relating to Infinite Campus. Additional workshops topics and community events will be determined by analyzing school data and Title I parent Surveys.

✓ Title I Revisions

Parents will be provided with various opportunities to provide input and feedback on the Parent & Family Engagement Plan, School wide plan, school-parent compact, and family engagement budget.



Transition Programs

MHA Admin work together with grade level teachers and the Family engagement specialist to provide assistance with transitioning to the next grade level.

Transition collaborations provide Midway Hills Primary families opportunities to visit MHA experience a *Day in the life of a Mustang* as they prepare for their student to enter third grade. Middle school transition events are planned by Midway Hills Academy and Oak Hill Middle School to prepare fifth graders for the transition to middle school.

Professional Learning for School Personnel

Midway Hills Academy provides multiple professional learning opportunities that focus on building connections and relationships among families and MHA staff.

All students will reach high standards at a minimum of attaining proficiency or better in reading/language arts and mathematics on the state assessment.

School Goal and Focus Areas

Midway Hills Academy will be a school of excellence where students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally in a positive, safe, learning environment.

**G.R.O.W. norms- Goal oriented/Solution focused
Respectful of others Open minded
Willful participants**



MHA Parent Compacts

The School-Parent Compact is an agreement which parents, teachers, and students develop that explains how parents and teachers work together to make sure all our students achieve grade level standards. The compact is reviewed annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the school forum.

The School Parent Compact can be found on the school website.

Midway Hills Academy

Promotes and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school.

In order to strengthen the school and reach our goals, we will:

- * Link assignments and assessments to academic achievement goals
- * Focus on student centered learning
- * Share strategies that staff, parents, and students can use
 - * Explain how parents and teachers can communicate about student progress
- * Provide opportunities for parents to observe and visit classrooms
- * Provide open communication means between home and school removing barriers essential for students' success
- * Conduct Parent-Teacher Conferences to discuss each student's progress
 - * Keep current grades in Infinite Campus
 - * Provide Weekly Wednesday folders
 - * Streamline invitations to parents allowing access to all School-wide and District opportunities for learning
 - * Send home weekly parent newsletters
 - * Provide trainings for staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for students outside of the classroom.
- * Utilize *Partners in Education* to improve student outcomes



Midway Hills Family Resource Center

Parents have many opportunities to volunteer and play a role in their child's education.

- * Parents may partner with Communities in Schools (CIS)
- * Parents may volunteer
- * Parents may chaperone field trips
- * Parents may participate in Parent University-Baldwin
- * Parents may join and participate in PTO

To participate and learn more about MHA's Parent Family Resource Room or CIS, please contact Ashley Herrington at 478-457-2440 or email at Ashley.Herrington@baldwin.k12.ga.us

