

McGarity Elementary School



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McGarity Elementary is a Title I School

What is Title I?

Title I is a federally-funded program for schools. McGarity Elementary receives funds to support building capacity for families to be engaged with student learning. Opportunities are offered to parents/guardians of Title I students through meetings and feedback to provide input on how these funds are spent in the spring and early fall. These funds are used for educational services for children to provide additional support to ensure academic success. The focus of the Title I program is to help students meet the State's challenging standards.

At McGarity Elementary School, our Title I program provides the following:

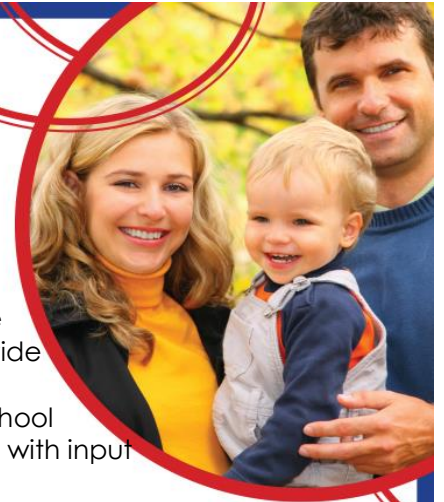
- Additional teachers to work with students who can benefit from additional support.
 - Learning resources for students.
 - Professional learning resources for teachers.
 - Resources and activities for parents to access as they support their child academically.



McGarity Elementary School Parent & Family Engagement Plan

2022-2023

Revised October 6, 2022



What is it?

Our Parent Engagement Plan is a plan that outlines what we will provide for parents and guardians, and how we will provide opportunities to work together to strengthen the academic success of each child in our school. Our plan is based on school goals for student academic achievement and is developed with input from parents/guardians and school staff.

How is it revised?

McGarity Elementary Parent & Family Engagement Plan is updated every year. In late winter, a survey will be made available to parents. It may be taken online or by way of a paper copy made available by request. The survey will be advertised through bulletins, flyers, phone calls, in parent meetings, and in the Parent Resource Center. The survey will ask for feedback on the components of the current Parent & Family Engagement Plan and parent involvement opportunities that will take place during the school year. The survey will also ask for suggestions and input in the development of an updated Parent & Family Engagement Plan. Participation from parents will also be sought through responses on feedback forms provided at all parent involvement meetings and activities, the availability of a suggestion box, meetings planned specifically for developing the plan together, and an online survey linked directly in connection with this plan.

Who is it for?

McGarity Elementary is a Title I school where students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. The plan is written in a language that parents can understand, and translation is available upon request. We strive to make continual progress in working with our parents and welcome any feedback and suggestions at all times throughout the school year.

Where is it available?

McGarity Elementary Parent & Family Engagement Plan is distributed to parents and guardians of students attending McGarity Elementary and is available on our school website, and in our Parent Resource Center. Translation of all information will be provided upon request.



2022 - 2023 District Goals

- By May 2023, increase the percentage of professional learning initiatives that positively impact student achievement by 30%, as indicated through the District PL Survey and participation report(s).
- By May 2023, increase collaborative opportunities to engage District staff, families, and communities by 20%, as indicated through the Federal Program's Outcome Goals and participation report(s).
- Increase student performance in all core content areas by 3% annually as measured by achievement data.



2022-2023 School Goals

Goal 1: Goal 1: Increase percentage of 4th-5th grade ELA Georgia Milestone Assessment level 3 and 4 by 5% in each grade level (4th grade 37% to 42%, 5th grade 32% to 37%) by the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Goal 2: Increase percentage of 4th-5th grade Math Georgia Milestone Assessment level 3 and 4 by 5% in each grade level (4th grade 55% to 60%, 5th grade 39% to 44%) by the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Goal 3: Increase percentage of 5th grade students Science Georgia Milestone Assessment level 3 and 4 by 5% (38% to 43%) by the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Parent Involvement is Important

The staff at McGarity Elementary understands the value and utility of contributions of parents. Staff will participate in meeting with parents/guardians to share grade-level information, conference with parents to share ideas and resources, and will make plans and communicate through the use of student agendas, websites, and weekly newsletters. We know that working with parents as equal partners and building ties between home and school are vital to student academic achievement. Regardless of family income or background, students with involved parents are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades and test scores, and enroll in higher- level programs
- Be promoted and pass their classes
- Attend school regularly
- Have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school
- Graduate and go on to further education.



You are Invited!

Together Improving The Learning Environment



McGarity Elementary will host the following events and will provide support to build the capacity for strong parental involvement! Meetings and activities will be provided at a variety of times and formats to help accommodate parent/guardian schedules. Parents will receive notifications and invitations to events in school newsletters, phone calls, emails, and bulletins/notices. **We want you to join us!**

Open House - July 28, 2022 from 2:00-6:00

Every year, parents are invited to meet their child's teacher and our friendly, helpful school staff.

Family Curriculum Learning Meetings- October 2022 and March 2023

We invite you to attend these family meetings to learn about your student's grade level standards, curriculum, and assessments for the 2022-2023 school year. Families will receive guidance on how to interpret assessment results, create student goals, track academic progress, and obtain helpful strategies to support continued learning. Georgia Milestones information and resources will be shared to help families gain insight and resources on standardized testing.

Annual Title I meeting-October 20, 2022

We invite you to learn about our Title I program, including our School Improvement Plan, Parent Involvement Budget, Family-School Compacts, Parent & Family Engagement Plan, and parents' rights under Title I. All families at McGarity Elementary School are invited to attend! Access to the meeting and materials will also be available online.

Spooky Science Night – October 27, 2022

We invite you to attend this family event. Students will participate in a variety of interactive STEM activities, curriculum resources will be available, and families will be able to enjoy a fun-filled evening together.

Parent Resource Center- Pick-up or Virtual Checkout

Our PRC offers educational games, books, and other materials available for families to borrow and utilize at home. The PRC is open Monday thru Friday from 7:30am – 3:00pm. Parents/Guardians are welcome to visit during these times. Items can also be sent home with students by request. Our PRC is located in the gym lobby.

Parent-Teacher Conferences- October 10-14, 2022 and March 13-17, 2023

We invite you to participate in these opportunities to partner with staff to discuss your child's academic progress.

Spring Planning and Input Meetings- April 2023- date and times TBA

We invite you to jointly develop our parent involvement budget, School Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compacts, Staff Capacity, and Family Engagement Plan.

McGarity Elementary

Title I Team:

Kelly Koch - ILT (Instructional Lead Teacher)
Lauren Stanfill - Title I Teacher
Carolyn Streetman - Title I Paraprofessional

Parental Involvement

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. As a school, we will provide opportunities for parents to:

- play an integral role in assisting your child's learning;
- be actively involved in your child's education at school;
- be full partners in your child's education;
- be included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of your child;
- be involved in other offered informative activities.

School staff is available for meeting and appointments may be arranged by contacting McGarity Elementary at 770-445-9007.

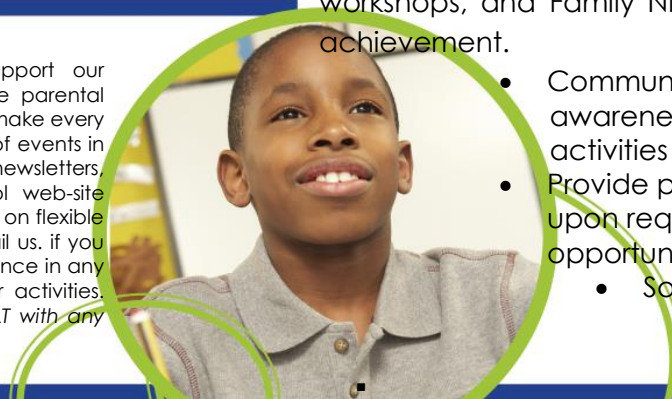
Our Commitment

At McGarity Elementary, we support our parents/guardians in attending the parental activities included in this plan. We make every effort to communicate the details of events in a number of ways, including newsletters, bulletins, phone calls, and school web-site postings and we offer our meetings on flexible days and times. Please call or email us, if you require further information or assistance in any way in order to participate in our activities. Please contact Kelly Koch, Title I ILT with any request for support. 770-445-9007
kkoch@paulding.k12.ga.us

McGarity Elementary is Reaching Out!

McGarity Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as equal partners in supporting student achievement:

- Provide information in an understandable format, as requested. The request may be made to the child's teacher, to the front office, or to the Title I Instructional Lead Teacher, Kelly Koch. The request can be communicated in the child's agenda, via phone, via email, or in person.
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Phone: 770-455-9007
Email: kkoch@paulding.k12.ga.us
- Provide professional learning to staff on parent involvement practices which include parent conferences, use of Parent Resource Center materials, and effective communication strategies in reaching out to parents to build relationships.
- Establish a partnership with local Pre-K programs to provide school information and transitional support for parents to fully participate in the education of their child by providing resources and notification of opportunities.
- Provide information on school and state academic standards, curriculum, Georgia Milestones, assessments, and ways to interpret assessment results and monitor their child's progress through the school websites, newsletters, during monthly meetings, and parent/teacher conferences.
- Inform families and community stakeholders on a consistent basis information about school events and activities, using newsletters, flyers, invitations, Dojo, Remind, and school websites.
- Use parent feedback to determine professional learning needs of our staff as it pertains to parent engagement and to embrace partnerships with families.
 - Supply parents with necessary materials and trainings at conferences, meetings, workshops, and Family Nights to help parents work with their child to improve their achievement.
- Communicate with local stakeholders to increase participation and awareness of our school's Parent & Family Engagement Plan and activities through the school's website.
- Provide parents information on ways to enhance their education upon request and share information in regard to community-based opportunities.
 - Solicit feedback and provide parent support for additional parental involvement activities through feedback forms, surveys, and meetings.



Parent Involvement Standards

McGarity 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. Open House Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

Parent Resource Center

Location: Gym Lobby

The Parent Resource Center is stocked with a variety of reading and math resources – including games, books, practice materials, and several other learning-based activities. These items are able to be checked-out/borrowed, at NO COST, for parents to use at home with their student(s). A computer and a printer are also available for parents to use during school hours. We invite you to make use of this resource when you are in the school building! You may request items to be sent home by completing the

survey on our McGarity Title I website, or by contacting the Title I ILT, Kelly Koch, or your child's homeroom teacher.



Family-School Compacts

McGarity Elementary's Parent & Family Engagement Plan includes a school wide Compact, which is developed jointly by staff, parents/guardians, and students. The Compact is an agreement that explains how parents/guardians, teachers, and students will work together to make sure that every student is supported in reaching academic success. Parents of Title I students at McGarity Elementary school are invited to multiple opportunities for providing input on the development of and revision of the Compact every year. Revisions are made, based on input from parents, students and teachers. Compacts are shared in October at Parent-Teacher Conference time, and serve as a reminder of our commitment to action in supporting the Title I students at McGarity Elementary. All Title I parents keep a copy of the compact. The Compact will be referenced throughout the year by Title I students, parents and teachers as a reminder of our partnership in helping students achieve the State's high standards.

Your Input Matters

We welcome your suggestions, questions, and feedback at any time! Please list any comments below, and if there is any part of this plan that you find unsatisfactory for the parents and students at McGarity Elementary, please let us know in the space below. This form may be returned to the McGarity Elementary front office.

Please contact me.

Name (optional): _____

Phone Number (optional): _____