



# Mitchell County High School

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## Parent Involvement Policy 2016-2017

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*Mitchell County High School is bridging the gap between parents and teachers to improve student achievement. Together, we can build effective family-school-community partnerships that advance children's social, emotional, and intellectual learning and development.*

**Overview of Title I:** Mitchell County High School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. A Title I overview meeting is held at the beginning of each school term to inform parents about the school's participation in the Title I programs, requirements, the different components, and the right of parents to be involved.

**What are the school plans?** Mitchell County High School is committed to partnering with parents and community members to ensure academic excellence among our students. It is our desire to make parents an integral part of their child's educational process; therefore we strive to keep parents involved with policies and procedures. The Parent Involvement Policy details how Mitchell County High School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Parents also work with developing the School-wide and School Improvement Plans. Input was collected from parents on how to expend the Title I funds for 2016-2017 through several methods: it was included on the Parent Survey in November 2015, comment forms were placed in the Parent Resource Room and also on the high school's website for parents to give feedback.

**How are they developed?** Mitchell County High School students and their parents, in conjunction with teachers and administrators, jointly developed the Parent Involvement Policy and the Schoolwide Plan. Mitchell County High School welcomes parent input and comments at any time. Any parent that wishes to participate can request a meeting. On the school's website (<http://mitchell2.mch.schooldesk.net>), there is a Question and Concern section, and in the Parent Resource Room, there is a Suggestion Box. Formal surveys are distributed each year. Parents and students can give feedback at any of the school activities held throughout the year. In May 2016, the proposed Title I policies/plans were placed on line for parents to review, placed in Parent Resource Room and in the main office at the school. Also, parents, students, and teachers are encouraged throughout the year to provide feedback on ways to improve the parent involvement policy. MCHS has an open door policy where parents are welcome at any time.

**Who is it for?** It is for all students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, who are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Opportunities are provided for participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. Representatives from the neglected and/or delinquent residential facilities are included in parent involvement communication efforts and activities.

**How is Parent Involvement Policy Distributed?** At the beginning of the school year or the first report card, the Parent Involvement Policy is included in the student handbook that is distributed to all students or sent home via mail. Copies are kept in the front office to give to students who enter later during the school year, are made available at the Open House that is held before school starts each year, are placed in the Parent Resource Room, are put on the school's website Parent's Page, are available at the grade level meetings held yearly and an overview article about the policy is placed in the *MCSS Eagle's Nest Newsletter* August issue. Parents are sent a message through the Infinite Campus.

## Goals for Student Achievement

### 2016-2017 District Goals:

1. Streamline the Curriculum
2. Reading Horizons
3. Non-Cognitive Factors
4. Transparency

**2016-2017 School Goals:** College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI): **EOC: Increase Performance Rate % of Proficient and Distinguished Learner** in 9th English from 31% to 50%, American Lit 24% to 35%, Coordinate Algebra 34% to 40%, Analytic Geometry 9% to 20%, Physical Science 39% to 50%, Biology 11% to 20%, U.S. History 25% to 35%, Economics 28% to 35%. **ACT Avg:** 16-18, **SAT Avg:** 950-1100 **Dual Enrollment** 90% to 92%, **Foreign Language** 50 to 60%, **Overall Exceeds** 12% to 20 **Attendance Rate** 95% to 96%, **CTAE Completers:** 67.2% to 75%; **CTAE Pathway Completers** 90%, **Increase Numbers of Nontraditional Completers;** **Overall CCRPI Score** from 82 to 85. **Noncognitive Factors:** Focus on Academic Behaviors, Academics Perseverance, Academic Mindsets, Learning Strategies, and Social Skills *Our main focuses will be to increase the percentage of students being proficient and distinguished on each EOCs each year until all students are proficient with special emphasis on math and reading and on student support traits such as grit, tenacity, goal development, self-discipline, and study strategies and to increase graduation rate by 3%.*

## School/Parent/Student Compacts

Mitchell County High School has jointly developed with and distributed to parents of Title I students a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, teachers, and students will share the responsibility in reaching proficiency on the Georgia content standards. The compact is reviewed and revised annually with input given from teachers, parents, and students. The compacts are kept in the front office for easy access and are referred to during parent/teacher conferences. Copies are located in the Parent Resource Room, included in the MCHS Student handbook, and on the school's website: <http://mitchell2.mch.schooldesk.net/Parents/tabid/6828/Default.aspx>.

## Mitchell County High School is Bridging the Gap!

Mitchell County High School makes every effort to promote and support parents as an integral part of student achievement and reach both the school's and district's goals.

- MCHS teachers issue a course syllabus for each class, which contains the curriculum objectives, means of assessment, contact info for teacher, etc. Individual state assessments are discussed during the grade level socials/scavenger hunts (see page 3). Testing and diploma requirements will be sent home. The information will be distributed during the first week of school.
- MCHS distributes progress reports to parents approximately every 3 1/2 weeks. Benchmark exams are given 3 times a quarter to analyze student progress. A variety of ways are used to assess students: labs, quizzes, daily work, ticket out the door, standardized and essay tests, projects, etc. Teachers analyze the data in order to measure the student's progress on meeting state content standards and determine the need for remediation. Parents can monitor their child's progress by using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Training on the use of the portal is also available upon parent's request.
- MCHS holds regular meetings with parents (See list of events on page 3.) including Student Led Conferences. Parents are welcome to schedule individual meetings at a time that is convenient for them. For more information, call 229-336-0970 or contact Guidance Counselor Lori Brinkley.
- MCHS teachers have staff development activities throughout the year on improving parental involvement/communication and parents are invited to participate in the activities. Also, parents are invited to speak at faculty meetings, which are held every Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. or as needed.
- MCHS utilize the Mobile School Bus throughout the year as a resource for parents and students.
- MCHS ensures that all information is distributed in a timely manner and in a format that the parents can understand. Information is distributed in a variety of means:
  - Through the use of Infinite Campus Messenger or Parent Portal.
  - Placed on the high school's website, which includes a dedicated Parent Page.
  - Through handouts distributed to students and also placed in the Parent Resource Room.
  - Placed in the Eagle's Nest newsletter; the August issue contains a copy of the system wide calendar and phone list for system.
  - Placed on the TV Hall monitors, announced on the Eagle News Radio Broadcast, and on afternoon school announcements
  - Through parent contact logs maintained by the teacher or individual or group conferences
  - Through flyers placed around school and in community and announced on MCHS Eagles Radio Station WMCZ-LP 94.5 FM
  - Through home visits
  - Placed on the CNS local television community bulletin; Placed on the Display Sign in front of the school building.
- MCHS Parent University is being developed: The goal for Parent University is to create an informed learning community armed with research-based best practices to improve education for all community learners. The Parent University Committee at Mitchell County High School encourages and promotes the 'Bridging the Gap' initiative by implementing key components to establishing successful parent involvement: Doughnuts and Dialogue, Academic Socials, Parent Café, Parent of the Month, and Grandparents as Parents (G.A.P.) and system sponsored parent events. Training workshops are offered to parents on a variety of topics (using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, ELA/Literacy, Technology, etc.) will be held throughout the year. Workshop Titles, dates and times for the workshops will be sent home with the students, placed on the high school's home page, Infinite Campus Messenger will be used, and also put in the system's newsletter and broadcast on the MCHS Eagles Radio Station.

# Parent Involvement Activities

Visit the MCHS website at: <http://mch.mitchell.schooldesk.net/> for the specific dates and times for all events.



## **July 29, 2016: Get Acquainted with Your Child's Teacher at MCHS Open House from 3 to 7 p.m.**

Pick up a course syllabus and find out more about what your child will be doing. Stop by the front office and update your child's information: address, phone number, e-mail address. Sign up for the Parent Portal to monitor your child's progress.

## **July 29, 2016: Annual Title I Meeting at 3:00 p.m.**

Everyone is invited to come out and learn more about the Title I programs, the requirements, funds available, and the rights of parents to be involved. The Parent Involvement Policy, School-Parent Compact and school wide plans will be available for parents.

## **Informational Meetings: Grade Level Meetings/Scavenger Hunt /Academic Relays**

Don't forget to attend a Grade Level Social (Freshman Fest, Sophomore Social, Junior Jam, Senior Advisement) or a Scavenger Hunt where particular topics relating to your child are discussed and parents have an opportunity to address any concerns or questions. During the meetings, the state requirements (SLO tests, Georgia Milestones, etc.) and course content for each grade level is discussed. Other topics include: College and Career Readiness Index, afterschool tutorials, dress code, SAT/PSAT/ACT, study tips, tips on how parents can help to improve their child's achievement, overview of Title I, etc.

## **Parent Conference Days: September 8, 2016 and February 9, 2017**

Talk with your child's teachers and check on the student's progress.

## **Doughnuts and Dialogue:**

Parents and administrators meet to talk about questions or concerns parents may have. Meetings are held at different times throughout the year. Visit the school's website for more information.

## **Career, Technical and Agricultural Advisory Meetings: September 13, 2016 and April 11, 2017**

Parents have an opportunity to serve as an advisory member for one of the career, technical programs at the school. If you are interested, please contact your child's Career Tech teacher.

## **Postsecondary Info/Filling out the FAFSA Online (Free Application for Federal Student Aide): February 2017.**

Parents of seniors are invited to come out and get help with filling out their FAFSA.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Transitional Meeting: May 12, 2017**

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transitional Meeting: May 12, 2017**

Students and parents have an opportunity to talk with high school counselors and representatives.

## **Senior Honor's Night-May 25, 2017**

A celebration of seniors and their parents.

## **System Meetings: ESOL Parent meetings and Migrant PAC meetings are held in the Fall and Spring of each year.**

Translators and other accommodations will be available upon request for all parent involvement activities.

### **We Want to Hear From YOU!**

If you have any suggestions to improve this policy or any way to help improve student achievement, please let us know. Please fill out below and drop this form in the Suggestion box located in the Parent Resource Room or go online and fill out form on the high school's website. <http://mitchell2.mch.schooldesk.net>. Comments will be submitted to the MCSS Federal Programs office along with the plan.

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



## Do you know all the different activities available to your child?

**Come out and support or just be a volunteer.**

### Student Organizations:

- FFA (Ag)
- FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America)
- Eagle's News Production
- HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America)
- Student Government

### Sports:

- Football
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Baseball
- Track
- Cheerleading
- Volleyball

### Other:

- Chorus
- Band

### Opportunities:

- Robotics
- Governor's Honors
- National History Day

### Scholarship Opportunities: (Examples)

Woodman of the World, Cowen Award, Rotary Club, Phoebe Center, S.H.A.P.E, Archbold Memorial Award, Bank of Camilla STAR Student Award, Holly Garden, Camilla Kiwanis Club, Camilla Lions Club, SRTC Scholarship, Les Douze Amies Club, Ofie Mae Peoples Scholarship, Camilla Rotary Club

## Do you know the career pathways offered?

Agricultural  
Business/Computer Science: Web and Digital Design  
Culinary Arts

Early Childhood Education  
Graphic Design, Video Production  
Healthcare Therapeutic Services (CNA)

## Parent Resource Room at MCHS

**Visit the Parent Resource room at the high school**—located in the main office and open from 8 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. each school day. Check out information on a variety of topics: Attendance: A Key to Your Student's Success, Teaching Children Responsibility for Their Learning & Behavior, Getting Organized for Schoolwork and Homework, Stay Involved in Your Teen's Education, Starting High School – New Challenges, New Choices, Starting High School --- Keeping Tabs on Your First Year and Beyond, 12 Ways to Support Homework Success, 14 Ways to Encourage Reading At Home, Talking with Teens and Preteens: Helping your Child Make Healthy Choices, 10 Tips for Effective Daily Parenting, Learning Begins at Home—Teaching Tips for Parents, Common Core State Standards – Helping Your Child Achieve Academic Success.

## Are you interested in becoming a volunteer?

If you would like to get more involved in your child's school activities, please fill in the following information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Serving on a curriculum committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteering in a classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Being a guest speaker: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_