

# St. Mary's Magnet Academy

## School Information

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## What Is Title I?

St. Mary's Road Magnet Academy is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent and family engagement.

## DISTRICT GOALS

The Muscogee County School District will create an environment that focuses on Tier I instruction while targeting individual student needs, leadership development, and customer service.

## SMART GOALS

- **School Climate Goal:** By May 2019, 100% of the staff will be trained on the Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum and 90% of the staff will implement with fidelity self-awareness and self-management strategies through role playing to help students resolve conflict.
- **Academic/Instructional Goal:** By May 2019, 100% of teachers will be trained in Writer's Workshop and 85% will successfully implement the Writer's Workshop Model.



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### Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2018-2019

#### What is it?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how St. Mary's Road Magnet Academy will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. St. Mary's Road Magnet Academy values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

#### How is it developed?

St. Mary's Road Magnet Academy welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Throughout the year, parents are encouraged to give feedback and review the Parent & Family Engagement Policy. In addition, Title I Annual Survey are given to improve policies and decide on the best use of funds. The feedback given will be used to revise the plan for the upcoming year.

#### Who is it for?

All parents at St. Mary's Road Magnet Academy are invited to participate in the opportunities described in the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. St. Mary's Road Magnet Academy is committed to providing full opportunities for parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

#### Where is it available?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be sent home with each student. Also the policy is available in the Parent Resource Room, front office, and on the school's website.

For all students who reside in residential facilities served by the Muscogee County School District, parental involvement correspondence and activities information will be mailed to the residence.

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## What is a School-Parent Compact?

As part of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, St. Mary's Road Magnet Academy and our families will develop a School-Parent Compact. A School-Parent Compact for Student Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The School-Parent Compacts are kept in the Parent Resource Area/Room. A copy may be obtained from the school office, school website, or from your child's teacher.

## Parent and Family Engagement Program and Activities at St. Mary's Magnet Academy



### Title I Annual Parent Night

Overview of the Title I program including: School Improvement Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the School-Parent Compact

### State Assessment/Georgia Milestones Assessment

Testing strategies to help your child improve test scores

### Smart Goals Parent Workshop

Inform parents of the goals to maximize student growth

### Academic Parent Workshop

Overview of the curriculum and resources for student learning

### Technology Talk

Overview of student's school progress via Parent Portal

### Moving on UP!

Prepare parents & students for transitioning to the next grade

## School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

- Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities are published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school's website, included in monthly newsletters, Connect-Ed, flyers, and posted on school's marquee.
- Conduct staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Partner with Head Start, Pre-K programs, daycares to share information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten.
- Share information in the school's newsletter and on the website for parents to understand the schools' academic standards and assessment as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress.
- Provide materials at conferences, workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home.
- Create and maintain a Parent Resource Area/Room to allow parents opportunities to check-out materials to assist them with helping their child at home.
- Listen to parents to provide workshops and training that meet the needs of the parents and support parental involvement at the school.
- Collaborate with the community and Partners in Education to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.

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