

Feedback

All Stakeholders at Downtown Elementary Magnet School are invited to give suggestions, comments, and feedback. For any part of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy/ School-Parent Compact, that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide suggestions and feedback. Please send those suggestions and/or feedback to the school office and/or Parent Contact Representative.

Thank you for your continued support!

Please scan the QR code to provide feedback.



Visit Our Parent Resource Center/Area

Our Parent Resource Center/Area has learning games, books, workbooks, and many other resources available for families to checkout or keep for use at home. Our Parent Contact is Ms. Tamika Freeman. She is available to help you find resources, navigate the Parent Portal, connect with teachers, and learn about ways you can help your children at home. Our Parent Center/Area is located near the front office.

Please contact Mrs. Freeman for additional information about our Parent Resource Center, resources available for checkout, and volunteer opportunities.

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Muscogee County School District Mission

Our mission is to inspire and equip all students to achieve unlimited potential.

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MCSD is a beacon of educational excellence where all are known, valued, and inspired.

Downtown Elementary Magnet Academy

Parent and Family Engagement Policy & School-Parent Compact 2021-2022

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Our School Goals

Downtown Magnet will provide all students with high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment to meet high academic standards.

School's SMART Goals:

Goal #1: By July 2022, 100% of faculty and staff will participate in training on Core Four area Student Reflection and Ownership of Personalized Learning, will 85% of teachers who participated in the training being able to implement practices with 85% fidelity as measured by focus walks, TKES walk-throughs, and peer to peer observations and feedback.

Goal #2: By July 2022, 100% of faculty and staff will participate in training on a Multi-Tiered System of Support and How to implement and monitor Tier 2 and Tier 3 Interventions, with 85% of teachers who participated in the training being able to implement practices with 85% fidelity as measured by focus walks, TKES walk-throughs participation in PLC and MTSS meetings, and peer to peer observations and feedback

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Downtown Magnet and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnership as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

The National PTA Standards are:

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

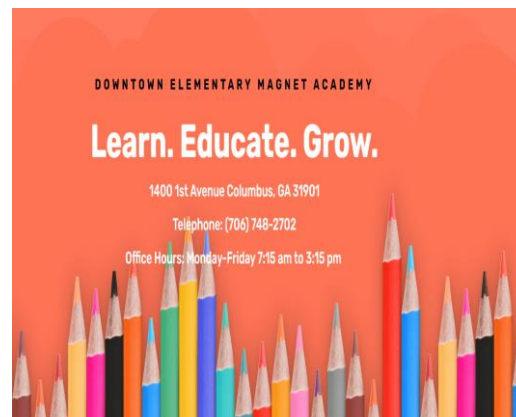
Working Together To Ensure Success

Downtown Elementary Magnet Academy will...



- Coordinate activities and share strategies with families on how to help students at home.
- Monitor student progress in all content areas and update parents frequently.
- Establish open lines of communication with parents concerning their child's school performance and behavior.
- Make sure all students get help as soon as it's needed.

Dr. Wiggins, Principal



As Students, we will...



- Master the standards
- Ability to articulate learning through data notebooks
- Ability to use complete sentences with constructive response questions
- Ask questions to gain understanding of content areas



As Families, we will...

- Attend all meetings & conferences scheduled for my child.
- Reinforce goals my child has set for himself/herself.
- Work with my child in all content areas to ensure success.
- Communicate with my child's teacher regarding any questions or concerns about my child's academics.
- Reinforce positive behavior at home and school.

Our District Goals

- By July 2022, MCSD will have implemented a tiered leadership development program aligned with Georgia's Systems of Continuous Improvement to prepare current and future leaders to an effectiveness level of 90% as measured by participant and supervisor surveys.
- By July 2022, 100% of teachers will implement evidence-based Tier 1 instructional strategies through the standards-based classroom framework with 75% of teachers implementing them effectively as measured by teacher evaluations, student achievement and student Lexile scores.
- By July 2022, all MCSD schools will implement a Core Four area of Personalized Learning to a school-selected level of effectiveness as measured by a District-wide rubric, status reports, walk-throughs, and progress monitoring towards individual school goals.
- By July 2023, all MCSD schools will implement Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) at a level 3 rating or higher as measured by the School MTSS Fidelity of Implementation Rubric.
- By July 2022, MCSD will increase awareness of and adherence to the district's Mission, Vision and Values to create a "Culture of Kindness" for all stakeholders to an effectiveness level of 75% as measured by stakeholder surveys.

ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING FAMILIES WITH...

School Measures to Provide Required Assistance: Downtown Magnet will take the following measures to promote and support parents:

Curriculum Information: Inform parents throughout the year about what their child is learning by providing parent and family engagement meetings and workshops, parent-teacher conferences, information on Canvas, and on our school website.

Student Progress Monitoring: Ensure families are familiar with the online resource Infinite Campus (Parent Portal) that allows families to view grades, attendance, schedules, assessments, course history, and much more. Monitoring student progress in school is an important way to be involved in their education.

Parent Resources: Create and maintain a Parent Resource Area/Room to allow parents opportunities to checkout materials to assist them with helping their child at home. Resources are available in English and Spanish.

Staff Trainings: Conduct staff development quarterly on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.

Communication: Ensure schools publish all information related to school workshops, programs, meetings, and activities in both English and Spanish and communicated on a regular basis.

Transition Support: Partner with early childhood programs, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, college and career organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare families and their children for successful school transitioning.

Communication

Downtown Magnet is committed to keeping open lines of communication with families. We have several ways to communicate. We utilize two-way communication through the school website, email, phone calls, parent conferences, social media, Infinite Campus and Canvas to reach our students and families.

Downtown Magnet will also provide materials at conferences and workshops to help parents work with their children at home. For all students who reside in residential facilities served by the Muscogee County School District, family engagement correspondence and activities will be mailed to each facility where students reside. If you need interpretation and/or translation services, please contact the school at (706) 748-2708.

Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Weekly homework folders
- Connect-Ed phone calls and/or text messages
- Updates on the school's website
- Parent Emails
- Parent-teacher conferences



How is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Compact developed and revised?

Each Title I school will conduct a yearly annual meeting to review and revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact. Each school will invite all families to provide input on revisions to the policy/compact. Families are welcome to provide input throughout the year via feedback forms, emails, comments, or telephone. The revised policy/compact will be available throughout the year in our parent resource area and on our school website.

Where is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Compact available and who is it for?

The Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact and all other Title I information is designated for all families and is available on our school's website under the Parent Page. Families can also find paper copies of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact in our Parent Center/Area and at Parent and Family Engagement meetings. All families at Downtown are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities as described in our Parent and Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact. Downtown will provide full opportunities for the participation of families with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Family Engagement



What is a Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

The **Parent and Family Engagement Policy** describes how Downtown Elementary Magnet School will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Downtown Magnet values the contributions and involvement of families 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 and family engagement and how families are encouraged to be full partners in the decision-making of their child's education.

What is a School-Parent Compact?

The **School-Parent Compact** is a written agreement that outlines how our school, our students, and our families will work together to ensure the academic success of all students. An effective School-Parent Compact contains the following elements:

- Jointly-developed by families, school staff, students, community business partners, and other stakeholders during our review meeting
- Clear learning goals that are linked to the school's improvement plan
- Specific skills students will learn during the year
- Strategies that staff, families, and students will use to improve student learning
- Ways to extend learning at home
- Methods teachers and family members will use to communicate about student progress
- Opportunities for family members to observe and participate in the classroom
- Review and revise the School-Parent Compact at meetings and workshops throughout the year to assure we are diligent in our efforts to support academic success for all students.

What is Title I?

Downtown Elementary 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. Parents and family members of children receiving services shall be involved in the decisions regarding how funds reserved are allotted for parent and family engagement activities and resources.

Building Partnerships

Downtown Magnet collaborates with families and community partners to provide workshops and trainings that meet the needs of the parents and support Parent and Family Engagement at school. We will offer the following activities to build our partnership with families:

- Annual Title I Parent Meeting
- Parent and Family Engagement/School-Parent Compact Review Meeting
- Reading and Literacy Meeting
- Technology/Curriculum Meeting
- Georgia Milestones Meeting
- Transition Meetings
- Additional Activities To Build Parent Capacity

Please visit our website regularly and check emails/notifications to learn about dates, times and other details about upcoming events.

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