

**Park Street Elementary School Parent
Involvement Plan
2015-2016 School Year**



**Park Street Elementary School
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What is Title I?

Park Street Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Park Street Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Park Street Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Park Street Elementary will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed? Park Street Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during our annual Title I Parents Meeting.

Who is it for? All Park Street students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Park Street Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? The plan will be available on the school web site and posted in the school office. Parents may request a paper copy in the office.

Let's Work Together!

Parents are welcomed at Park Street Elementary as a vital part of the educational process. Bi-annual Conference Weeks, regular home/school communication, and multiple opportunities for parents to interact with their children and their child's teacher foster a strong partnership between parents and staff. Parents can volunteer in the classroom, media center or assist in the many programs offered to our students.

If you would like to volunteer, participate and/or observe in the classroom, please contact your child's teacher, the school office or PTA. Parents may attend School Governance team meetings as published on the monthly school calendar.

2015-16 Marietta City District Goals

The strategic plan of MCS is comprised of three areas:

1. Academic Excellence
2. Culture of Excellence
3. Workforce Excellence

The strategic plan provides the district with a framework for defining the goals specific to each area. View the complete strategic plan and the progress made on each goal by visiting <http://www.marietta-city.org/aboutus/stratplan.php>.

2015-16 Park Street Goals

At Park Street Elementary we are committed to providing a S.M.A.R.T. learning environment in which all children can reach their full potential. This can only happen when home and school work together as a team.

1. Increase the number of students in all subgroups that meet and/or exceed in content areas with a special emphasis on Math and Reading.
2. Implement the use of the research based workshop model in to the reading, writing, math, science, and social studies curriculum.
3. Increase the level of Parental Involvement.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Park Street Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the Open House, parent involvement committee meeting and SGT review. The school-parent compacts will be available during September conference week for discussion and signing.

2015-16 Calendar of Parent Involvement Activities

Tentative Schedule

August 4, 2015: Open House

August 5, 2015: First Day of School

August 25, 2015: PTA/ Annual Title 1 Meeting

September, 2015: PTA Dance

September 28 to October 2, 2015: Conference Week

October 23, 2015: PTA Fall Festival

October 27, 2015: Title 1 Meeting

November 10, 2015 PTA

December 8, 2015: Title 1 Meeting

March 7 to March 11, 2015 Conference Week

March 29, 2015: Title 1 Meeting

April 12, 2015: PTA

May 6, 2015: PTA Dance

Parental Involvement

Park Street Elementary believes that parent involvement is the participation of parents in school activities. It is the commitment of time, energy, and good-will to promote success for students. It is a commitment of regular two-way and meaningful communication between the school that involves student academic learning and other school activities. This communication helps to ensure –

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Park Street Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

School / Home Partnership

Park Street Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important partner with the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will –

- **Provide Written Communication:** We will provide weekly folders (Panther ROAR Folders), activity flyers, calendar updates via the website and other documents pertaining to student progress and school based activities. Parents have access to both Aspen and Performance Tracker which keeps them informed about their child's academic progress.
- **Provide Technology-based Communication:** The Blackboard Connect communication system is used to share important information and upcoming events. All Park Street Elementary staff has access to email in which to receive messages from parents. Parents have access to both Aspen and Performance Tracker which keeps them informed about their child's academic progress.
- **Provide Parent Leadership Opportunities:** Inviting parents to serve on committees such as the School Governance Team and the PTA. Provide opportunities for parents to provide input on budgeting and curriculum planning items during the school year.
- **Provide Opportunities for Parents to Become Involved:** Hosting meetings during the school day as well as outside school hours. Date and times are announced on the monthly calendars and informational flyers. Providing parents the Park Street Elementary Parent Involvement Activities calendar. Visit the Parent Liaison at our school from 8:15am to 3:15pm Monday thru Friday and access parent resource information. Materials are provided for check out. Various topics might include child devolvement, academic strategies, self-help strategies, and multiple games and books to increase student achievement etc.

Parent Involvement Standards Park Street 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. Welcoming All Families*
- 2. Communicating Effectively*
- 3. Supporting Student Success*
- 4. Speaking Up for Every Child*
- 5. Sharing Power*
- 6. Collaborating with Community*

Parent Involvement Team

- Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent Involvement Team
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent Involvement Team

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____



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S.M.A.R.T. Goals Academy

Parent Involvement Team

Park Street Elementary invites all parents to join the Parent Involvement Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet periodically during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Community Advisory Team please contact the Parent Liaison at 770-429-2180, or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____
