



Welcome to Hardaway, “Home of the Hawks”!

Hello, my name is Angela Fontain. It is my pleasure to work as your Family Services Coordinator. I will assist you and your child throughout the school year, so they can reach their highest potential. As your coordinator, I will provide support for the family, student, faculty, and staff to bridge the gap and strive for positive communication. Feel free to stop by my office in the Media Center. The resource room is opened from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Throughout the school year, Family Engagement Programs will be scheduled to give and teach you various educational resources to help with your child(ren) achievement and enhance awareness of learning new technology. This will be an opportunity that as a family, you will not want to miss as you will be able to access your child’s academic progress, attendance, behavior, assignments and much more through the Parent Portal and Canvas. Access will be available through our clerk, Mrs. Harris in the front office. Please take advantage of the Parent Portal and Canvas on the school districts website. I encourage your participation in your child’s education and school activities. Your child has the latest technology in their classrooms and media center. Here is my contact information (706) 748-2766 or fontain.angela.c@muscogee.k12.ga.us. There are plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer in various areas throughout the school. Below are some of the services available:

Services Available for Students

Counseling – Counselors can provide a school service where students can talk to a counselor one on one or in a small group setting. They can provide academic, social, and personal counseling.

Safety Net Programs– Highly Qualified (HQ) teachers provide additional tutoring in common core areas.

- A. **One on One and/or Group Tutoring**- provided by individual teacher
- B. **Loss of Credit** – Students can retrieve loss academic credit(s) in some core classes. See your child’s counselor for additional information.

Students with Disabilities – Various services are in place by our highly qualified Special Education Department, school psychologists, and teachers. In addition, a Special Education Parent Mentor program is underway to promote partnerships between parents and educators, and guide parents through the educational process from the district. Information on services, policies, and procedures as well as community resources is available.

Community Service – Students can give back to the community by gaining lifetime experiences, skills, and training by helping others in various areas of our community. Counselor, teachers or principal provides Projects.

Homeless, Not Hopeless – Homeless is identified by the federal government as a person who does not have a permanent address. If a student or family resides temporarily with others, live in a motel/hotel or even in a car, there is educational protection available. Services are available case by case. All information is confidential.

Meals – Free breakfast and lunch will be provided to our students. No application is required. Under the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 includes the implementation of Community Eligibility Option (CEO) to ensure that every student in low-income neighborhoods can participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). A school must have 53 percent or more of its students eligible for free meals based on direct certification in Muscogee County School District.

Services Available for Parents

District Parenting Committee – Meetings are conducted once per semester (2times a year) at various locations throughout Columbus for 1 hour exactly. Title I Parenting department conducts a variety of academic workshops structured to build the parents’ abilities to help their children do better in school. Parent representative attends these meetings and share information provided with the school.



Leadership Committee – Parent representative is a shareholder along with (Title I, administrators, Academic Dean, Guidance Director, lead teachers and Family Services Coordinator) being involved in meetings, surveys, data analysis and in making recommendations to improve student achievement.

Parent Policy Committee – Committee of parents who discuss, prepare, and execute ways families, students, teachers, faculty and staff can be involvement to increase student achievement.

Local School Council – Council consists of administration, faculty, community representative, Family Services Coordinator, Partners In Education and parents. As full partners, input is given to assist each student by giving input for the educational experience to benefit each child. Council meets once a month for 1 hour.

Sara Spano Clothing Bank (PTA) – Volunteers are needed two times per year (Fall/Spring for 2 hours) to assist students in receiving clothing. The Clothing Bank designated for MCSD students only. **Contact PTA president at ptahardaway@gmail or find them on Facebook: PTA Hardaway Public.**

Clerical – Volunteers are needed to assist with answering telephones in the front office, making copies, creating newsletters, helping engage other parents to participate and/or assisting Family Service Coordinator with daily tasks and the Media Center.

Parent Portal – An integrated, web-based, user friendly student information system, Infinite Campus, where parents can access student information: grades, discipline, homework and keep in contact with the teacher. The portal is available on the Muscogee County School District website. Infinite Campus designed to deliver student information, increase data driven decision capabilities, advance student achievement and facilitate communication and family engagement.

Canvas – An integrated, web-based, user friendly system that provides parents and students assignments assigned by teacher. It will also notate grades for each assignments.

Tutorial Links – On the Muscogee County School District website (www.muscogee.k12.ga.us), there are various links to assist you and your child free of charge. Click onto the parent & student link. Additional sites are available.

Parent-Teacher Conference – Conferences are encouraged throughout the year to make sure your child is on track with graduation and their requirements. They are also designed to keep a good working relationship with the teachers and to track attendance and discipline. School Counselors schedule parent/student meetings to develop a career goal. Each grade level is assigned a school counselor. Classroom visits are welcomed and encouraged. The Guidance secretary schedules appointments.

Informational Series – Various resources, community updates and legislation presented to families from administrators, teachers, counselors, facilitators locally or around the state or out of state. Examples of information presented are: graduation requirements, scholarships, organizations that help with utilities, clothing and/or housing; job leads; technology, social networking, email-set-up; volunteering; what is Title I? and more.

Volunteers are needed throughout the school year. Parents are also needed to services on the **PTA, Leadership Team, District Parenting Committee** and **school policy committee (Home-Compact & Family Engagement Policies)**. Please sign-up!! **Do you have talents or a hobby you can share with us? We are also looking for mentors in the community. Please contact me.**

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