

North Columbus Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact



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Muscogee County School District Mission

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

Muscogee County School District Vision

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

**North Columbus Goals**

- By May 2029, 90% or more of students will demonstrate typical to high growth by achieving a Student Growth Percentile (SGP) of 35 or higher on STAR Reading/Math (Grades K–3) and Georgia Milestones ELA/Math (Grades 4–5) assessments.
- By May 2027, 85% or more of teachers will consistently implement targeted interventions across all academic domains within the MTSS framework, as measured by benchmark and progress-monitoring data.

Muscogee County School District Goals

- By June 2031, Muscogee County School District will increase the percentage of students performing at or above grade-level readiness by 20 percentage points through the implementation of evidence-based instructional practices, targeted interventions, and ongoing progress monitoring across all schools.
- By June 2031, Muscogee County School District will reduce districtwide chronic absenteeism by a minimum of 20% from the established baseline year (2025–2026), as measured by official student attendance data reported through the state accountability system.

North Columbus will...

Teachers are expected to work with students and their families to support students' success in reading and math. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Coordinate activities for Math and Literacy Night and share strategies with families on how to help students at home.
- Monitor student progress in reading and math and update parents frequently.
- Establish open lines of communication with parents concerning their child's school performance.
- Provide personalized learning experiences for every student.

As Students, We Will...

Students are encouraged to participate in the educational process. A successful student takes ownership of his/her learning and sets high educational goals.

- Work hard to maintain excellent attendance.
- Work cooperatively with my teachers to maintain positive behaviors and attitudes.
- Work hard to increase my Lexile reading score.
- Work hard on Progress Learning and in small groups.

As Families, We Will...

Student success depends on a strong partnership between parents and our school staff. By staying actively engaged and encouraging your child's learning every step of the way, you help them reach their full potential.

- Use reading materials the teacher sends home each week to help my child gain knowledge in Science.
- Practice math strategies and activities the teacher sends home to improve my child's math skills.
- Communicate with my child's teacher about any questions or concerns regarding my child's individual learning goals.
- Attend Parent and Family Engagement Workshops.

What is Title I?	Communication	Engaging Families With:
North Columbus is designated as a school receiving federal funds under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA federal grants ensure that all children receive a high-quality education and achieve grade-level proficiency. These federal programs utilize evidence-based strategies to improve student achievement while actively fostering parent and family engagement. Accordingly, parents and family members of participating students are directly involved in decisions regarding how funds allocated for family engagement activities and resources are used.	North Columbus is committed to maintaining open lines of communication with our families. As an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) school, communication will be provided in both English and Spanish. We utilize various two-way channels to reach students and parents, including our school website, email, phone calls, social media, parent-teacher conferences, Infinite Campus, and Canvas. To support learning at home, North Columbus provides educational materials at workshops and conferences. Parents may also request additional conferences at any time by contacting the school or their child's teacher. To remove barriers to family participation, transportation and childcare may be provided for school events. For students residing in residential facilities served by the Muscogee County School District, all family engagement correspondence and activity details will be mailed directly to their facility. If you require interpretation or translation services, please contact the main office at (706) 748-3183. <u>Key Communication Channels:</u> • Message XR phone calls and text messages • School website updates • Class Dojo Stories and Messages • Parent emails • Parent-teacher conferences	School Measures to Provide Required Assistance: <u>North Columbus will take the following measures to promote and support parents:</u> 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 check out materials to assist them in helping their child at home. Resources are available in English and Spanish. Staff Trainings: Conduct two staff development trainings on parent engagement 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 communicate 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 transitions.

What is a Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how North Columbus will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. North Columbus values the contributions and involvement of families in order to establish a 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 annual 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 ensure we are diligent in our efforts to support academic success for all students.

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

Each school that receives federal funds 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-Parent Compact available, and who is it for?

The Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact is designated for all families and is available on our school's website. Families can also request paper copies of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact. All families at North Columbus are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities as described in our Parent and Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact. North Columbus will provide full opportunities for the participation of families with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Our School Goals

North Columbus 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

Visit our Parent Resource Center

Explore learning games, books, workbooks, and educational tools available to check out or keep for home use! Our Parent Contact can assist you with:

- Finding learning materials
- Navigating the Parent Portal
- Connecting with teachers
- Supporting your child's learning at home

Contact the school office for more information on available resources and volunteer opportunities.

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Website:

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Feedback

We invite all North Columbus families and community members to share their feedback with us! If you feel any section of our Parent and Family Engagement Policy or School Compact falls short of our goals for student and school success, we welcome your input. Please submit your thoughts to the school office, contact our Parent Contact Representative, or use the QR code below.

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Thank you for your continued support!

