Dr. Mary Giella Elementary
Parent and Family Engagement Plan
2020–2021

MGES is committed to the goals of providing quality family support services for children and their families and increasing the direct involvement of parents in their children's learning at all grade levels served by the school. Therefore, MGES will implement programs, activities, and procedures that will promote meaningful involvement of parents.

Parent Involvement Policy Development

MGES has a School Advisory Council (SAC) that is comprised of parents, teachers, community members, and other staff members that will have an opportunity to offer suggestions and have input in the development of our school policy. We will develop a written Parental Involvement Policy, with parental input, that will be available to parents of participating children. Parents are encouraged to offer suggestions to SAC and the administration about the parent involvement plan.

Title I Meeting for Parents/Guardians

Each year MGES will have an annual meeting for parents/guardians of participating students in the beginning of the school year. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. At the meeting, parents will be given Title I guidelines and be informed of the school's participation in the Title I Program. Parents will be given copies of the Parental Involvement Policy and be informed of their right to be involved. Parents will be invited and encouraged to attend monthly SAC meetings to offer suggestions and participate in decisions related to the education of their children. All parents will be provided access to information on school performance data and assistance interpreting their child's individual results. They will be provided a description and explanation of the curriculum and standards used at the school, the forms of assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficient levels students are expected to meet.

Parent Involvement Opportunities

MGES will foster parent involvement by providing materials and trainings to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement and activities that will teach parents how to help their children at home. The parent workshops and training sessions will be ongoing at the school, held at flexible times for parent convenience and all parents will be encouraged to attend. Other parent involvement opportunities include:

- Annual meeting
- Parent Workshops/Curriculum Nights
- Recognition Ceremonies
- School Advisory Council
- PTA Meetings
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Parents contribute to their child's education by providing a supportive home environment
- Parents are encouraged to complete school surveys, which help determine school needs and offerings.
- All parents are encouraged to apply with the District School Board of Pasco County to become approved volunteers. MGES value their volunteers. Opportunities include but aren't limited to; mentoring, assisting with classroom teachers, assisting in the media center, office assistant, and lunchroom assistant.
- A school/parent compact that outlines how parents and the school staff will share the responsibility for improved student achievement will be developed jointly with parents

School and Parent Communication

Parents/guardians will be informed of school activities through various types of communication throughout the school year to establish and maintain open lines of communication. MGES staff will maintain a record of parent contacts throughout the school year. Some of the types of communication to be used are:

- Annual Open House
- Schools Connect Messages
- School Website
- School Facebook Page
- Parent/Teacher Conference Night
- Parent Workshops and Curriculum Nights
- Recognition Events
- Planners
- Flyers
- School Marquee
- Phone Calls and Email
- Classroom Dojo
- Weekly Thursday Folder

MGES will provide parents with routine student progress updates by supplying the parent with:

- Mid-Quarter Progress Reports (myParent Portal)
- Quarterly Report Cards (myParent Portal)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Personal, Telephone or Written Communication

MGES provides assistance to parents in understanding such topics as:

- Academic achievement standards
- State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
- Title 1 requirements
- How to monitor their children's progress
- How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children

This written Parent Involvement Plan shall be distributed to all parents of students at MGES in an understandable format and in a language parents can understand. It has been placed on the school website making it available to the local community. This plan has been periodically updated to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. If the plan is not satisfactory to parents, comments may be submitted in writing. The staff will actively work to resolve the concerns and respond appropriately.

In carrying out the parental involvement requirements of this plan, the district and school, to the extent practical, shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including information and school reports in a format, and to the extent practical, in a language such parents can understand.

MGES administration along with the SAC committee, will continually monitor the range and responsibilities of the Parent Involvement Plan. If the school-wide plan under section 1114(b)(2) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will also submit the parents' comments on the plan that will be available to the local education agency.