



MTS Elementary
2526 27th Avenue South
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612-729-9140
Grades K-6

Family Involvement Plan

MTS Elementary is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in our school. To this end, we want to establish partnerships with parents and with the community. Everyone gains if school and home work together to promote high achievement by our children. Neither home nor school can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. Their support for their children and for the school is critical to their children's success at every step along the way.

MTCS Mission

We are a student-centered learning community that inspires and supports all learners to achieve excellence through equitable, relevant learning experiences.

MTCS Core Values

We hold ourselves and our student accountable to demonstrate these core values:

Be Respectful

- Show consideration for self, others and property

Be Responsible

- Carry out obligations in a dependable manner
- Acknowledge the consequences and rewards of one's choices
- Contribute to society

Appreciate and Celebrate Diversity

- Recognize and honor the dignity of each individual
- Celebrate differences among culture, gender and ability
- Work cooperatively with others and resolve conflicts

Have Integrity

- Display honesty, perseverance, confidence and pride
- Show the courage of your convictions
- Be trustworthy

Have Compassion for Others

- Show empathy, generosity, kindness, patience and sensitivity

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To provide learning experiences with high expectations that support academic growth and enhance individual character in partnership with students, families and community within a supportive, safe and stable environment.



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This Family Engagement Plan is organized into important impact areas. We will be working together this year to build positive and goal-oriented relationships in each area. Families and staff at school will review and update this plan together

MTS Elementary Contact Information

Principal	Sue Dornfeld
Social Worker/SST Lead	Megan Lexen
Title 1 Teacher - Literacy	Sheila McMahon
ADSIS Teacher - Math	Mariah Tuvey
Leadership Implementation Team	Natalie Hunter
Leadership Implementation Team	Katie Vergeront
Leadership Implementation Team	Christine Schnaser

Positive and Welcoming Community

At MTS Elementary we believe that the foundations of student success are parents who are engaged with their children’s education. Engaged parents and family are involved in their student’s education, feel welcome in the school, and are comfortable working with teachers and administrators.

Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly School Newsletter • Monthly Classroom Newsletter • Quarterly Specialist Newsletter • Current and Relevant School Website • “In the Know” Bulletin Board posted in Main Hallway • Remind – communication platform for sending information electronically
Front Office/School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffed daily from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm • Coffee/Hot Cocoa • Ideas/Comments/Suggestions/Concerns Box • All classrooms, offices and student spaces are located on the first floor • Office staff are trained to administer medications and address minor medical concerns • All staff are visible at arrival and dismissal times to greet and support students and family members



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Virtual Open House <i>Starting: Thursday – September 3, 2020</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the Staff • Explore Classrooms • View our new Building • Posted on School Website
Open Door Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents/Adult Family Members are welcome and encouraged to visit their child’s classroom • We value and welcome volunteering

Family Partnerships

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Title 1/Family Nights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minnesota History Fair • Science Fair • Social Studies Fair 	<p>TBD</p> <p>*events dependent on guidelines and recommendations regarding COVID-19</p>
Student of the Month/Perfect Attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrated quarterly • students recognized for academic achievement and outstanding citizenship • students recognized for arriving on time and staying all day • grade level/individual student performances 	<p>TBD</p> <p>*events dependent on guidelines and recommendations regarding COVID-19</p>



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<p>Collaboration- monthly gatherings for parents/family members to meet and talk with school principal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch with the Principal • Dinner with the Principal 	<p>TBD</p> <p>*events dependent on guidelines and recommendations regarding COVID-19</p>
<p>School Community Events/Activities</p> <p>planned events to build community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • movie nights • NAAPID 2/16 • talent show 4/8 • Pinata Day 4/18 • field day 5/20 • end of year picnic 6/4 • k & 6th celebrations 6/9 	<p>TBD</p> <p>*events dependent on guidelines and recommendations regarding COVID-19</p>
<p>School Compact</p> <p>Our school compact establishes the shared responsibility for student success between the school, families and students.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared at Conferences • Personal School Goals set 1:1 with teacher • posted on website



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Teaching and Learning

At MTS Elementary we know that engaging families in their students' academic achievement is vital to the success of our students. Families are better able to advocate for their children when they have access to information regarding their school and their children.

<p>Report Card Progress Reports-Special Education Sent home quarterly with students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 13, 2020 • February 5, 2021 • April 16, 2021 • June 9, 2021 	
<p>Assessment Student data will be shared with parents at conferences and upon request</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWEA/MAP Primary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Grades K-6 ✓ Reading and Math ✓ Fall-Winter-Spring • MCA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Grades 3-6 ✓ Reading and Math ✓ Science – 5th grade only ✓ Spring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fountas & Pinnell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Grades K-6 ✓ Reading Fluency and Comprehension ✓ Fall-Winter-Spring • K-1 Emergent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Grades K & 1 ✓ Reading and Math ✓ Fall & Spring
<p>SST Student Success Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System to identify student need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ team meets every Thursday ✓ provide support and interventions for academic and/or social-emotional needs ✓ students identified through assessment, teacher observation, work completion ✓ structure in place to involve parents/families in planning 	
<p>Conferences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Conferences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ October 13, 2020 4:00-6:30 ❖ October 27, 2020 9:00-2:30 • Spring Conferences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ February 17, 2021 4:00-6:30 ❖ February 25, 2021 4:00-6:30 	
<p>Family Handbook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly calendar of school year events • School expectations • School contacts • Policies • Provided to each student at start of school year • Provided at registration to new enrollees 	



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Accessibility Requirements	
<p>MTS Elementary will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents of children with limited English proficiency, parents of children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents can understand.</p>	
Interpreters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LanguageLine Solutions • Betmar Languages
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All classrooms, offices and student spaces are located on the first floor • Building exits are secured • Front entrance is equipped with a buzzer for entrance

Adoption	
<p><i>The Family Involvement Plan was developed by MTS Elementary on September 2, 2008 and will be in effect for the 2020-2021 school year. The school will distribute this Parent Involvement Plan to all parents of participating Title I children and make it available to the community on or before November 1, 2017.</i></p> <p><i>*Opportunities to participate in the development of the MTS Elementary Parental Involvement Plan will be provided to all parents of children participating in Title 1 programs for the 2021-2022 school year.</i></p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Signature of Title I Authorized Representative </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <u>9/2/2020</u> Date </div>