



## Martin Technology Academy of Math & Science

### *Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success*

*2021 - 2022 School Year*

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### What is Title I?

Martin Technology Academy is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop, with parents and family members, a written parent and family engagement policy.

## School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

### What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Martin Technology Academy of Math and Science will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Martin Technology Academy values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Martin Technology Academy will support parent and family 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 revised?

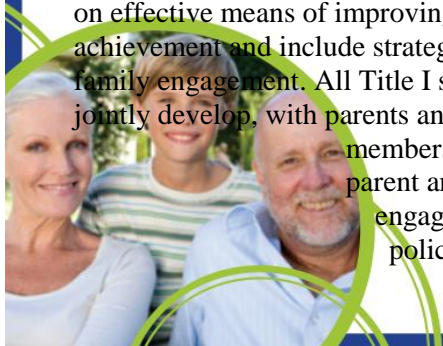
Martin Technology Academy invited all parents to attend our annual Parent and Family Input Meeting in the spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, school comprehensive needs assessment, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and to submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

### Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Martin Technology Academy will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

### Where is it available?

After the plan is revised each fall, a link to the plan is distributed to all parents via Infinite Campus email and Remind101. The plan will also be posted on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a printed copy of the plan in the Parent Information Center in the lobby of the school.



### **2021 - 2022 District Goals**

By the end of FY22, the percentage of students in each subgroup moving into the “Proficient” and “Distinguished” levels of performance on the Georgia Milestones Assessments will increase by 2% in the “Proficient” and “Distinguished” levels of performance.

By the end of FY23 (with FY22 being the baseline year), the percentage of students in each subgroup meeting “Proficient” levels of performance on local assessments (Elementary - MAP/Beacon, Middle/High - Common Benchmark Assessments) will increase by 2%.

Increase the percentage of referred students who access school-based mental health services by 2% each year (with FY21 being the baseline year).

### **2021-2022 School Goals**

During the 2021-2022 school year, increase by 3% the number of students performing at or above proficiency in grades 3-5 as measured by the EOG Milestones (Lexile scores).

During the 2021-2022 school year, increase by 3% the number of students performing at or above proficiency in grades 3-5 as measured by the Math EOG Milestones.

During the 2021-2022 school year, increase by 3% the number of students performing at or above proficiency in grades 3-5 as measured by the Writing Domain on EOG Milestones.

## **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Martin Technology Academy and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop 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 Title I Parent and Family Input Meeting. The school- parent compacts are kept in the main office if parents need a copy.

## **Let's Get Together!**

Martin Technology Academy will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

### **Orientation – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 3 – 6 pm**

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

### **Annual Title I Meeting – October 21, 2021, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm (virtual)**

Learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the Title I budget, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. We will also host a discussion about the Georgia Standards of Excellence and our new 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade report cards.

### **One School, One Book – January 2022 (virtual and in-person activities)**

A program designed to get the entire school community involved in the joy of reading. Each family gets a copy of the selected book. Following a shared schedule, the families read at home together.

### **MTA Virtual Conference Day:– Dates TBD – Appointment Times will Vary**

Participate with your child in a student-led conference, and then meet with your child's teacher. The parents will learn about the latest writing samples and curriculum updates. These meetings will take place via Zoom.

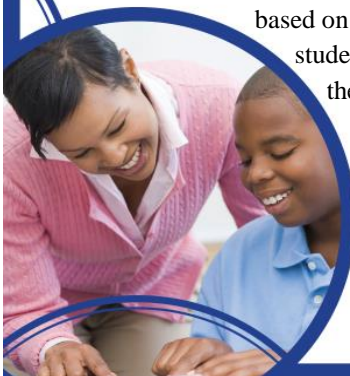
### **Family Literacy Night - March 4, 2022, 6 – 8 pm**

A celebration of reading that engages families. There will be virtual events offered for families to participate.

### **Title I Parent and Family Input Meeting – May 5, 2022 10:30 am & 5:00 pm (virtual)**

Principal, staff and parents review and revise the school wide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts and the parental involvement budget for the 2022-2023 school year. We'll also host a discussion of Summer Reading Programs and Library Resources available over the summer!

\*\* At this time, all parent meetings will be held virtually due to COVID-19 protocols. If conditions change, we could potentially have in-person meetings, which will be announced. \*\*



## Parent Information Center

Come visit the Parent Information Center in the lobby to find information and parent resources to use at home with your child. Computers are also available for parents to explore the IC Portal and educational resources.

Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

## Parent and Family Engagement

Martin Technology Academy believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- 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.

Martin Technology Academy is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with transportation or child care in order to participate in our programs.

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## Keeping Parents Informed

Martin Technology Academy will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will take the following actions:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities will be communicated to parents in both English and Spanish.
- ✓ Survey parents annually to share their perceptions of the school and suggestions for improvement.
- ✓ Inform parents of school news, reports, and other items of interest through school-wide emails, phone calls, social media, and written communication.
- ✓ Maintain contact with our parents through the use of student agendas, newsletters, Infinite Campus and work folders. Parents are also encouraged to use email to ask questions and inform the teacher of things that may be beneficial to your child's education.
- ✓ Maintain an updated web site with parent information including newsletters, Title I Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School Improvement Plan, photo galleries, teacher web pages, and calendar of events, lunch menus, and helpful links for parents and students in both English and Spanish.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start through the District Parent Outreach Facilitator. The District Parent Outreach Facilitator meets with parents and families providing information and resources to support school orientation for parents, families and students to assist in successful student transitions to kindergarten.
- ✓ Canvas professional development modules are used, at least four times a year, to train school personnel about strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.
- ✓ Provide parents with family meetings to share understandable information, strategies, and materials to be utilized at home to help students master grade-level standards and achieve personal and schoolwide goals. \*\* At this time, all parent meetings will be held virtually due to COVID-19 protocols. If conditions change, we could potentially have in-person meetings, which will be announced.
- ✓ Partner with middle schools to provide students and parents resources and information pertaining to successful transitioning to middle school.



## Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Martin Technology Academy 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 and Family Engagement Team

Martin Technology Academy invites all parents to join our Parent and Family Engagement Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet two times during the school year, but parents can submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Parent and Family Engagement Team, please contact Jeri Lynn Hutchins, the principal, at (770) 965-1578 or complete this interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



### Parent and Family Engagement Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Parent and Family Engagement Team.
- Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the Parent and Family Engagement Team.
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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