

Marion Charter School
Title 1 Annual Meeting Parent Packet
September 11, 2025

Welcome to our Open House. Please keep this packet. It contains important information for this school year.

Title 1 is-

- The largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools
- The goal of Title 1 is a higher-quality education for every child
- The program serves millions of children in elementary and secondary schools. MCS is a Title 1 school
- The federal government provides funding for several programs and staff members at our school. Title 1 dollars provide intervention materials and staff to implement them. Title 1 also provides funds for staff training, before and after school programs, parent involvement activities, and internet-based intervention programs. Marion Charter School uses a school-wide program so all children benefit.

AMO(Annual Measurable Objectives)- Our school has set goals for 5 years to help all children be on grade level in reading, math, writing, and science. Once the results are announced by the Department of Education, we will share that information with you.

Our teachers are highly qualified and work hard to meet the needs of all of our students.

Parent Rights- you have the right to-

- Be involved and request regular meetings to share your concerns and opinions
- Be provided with information on your child's level of achievement on assessments like FSA in all core subjects
- Request and receive information on the qualifications of your child's teacher
- Be informed if your child is taught by a teacher who is not highly qualified teacher for 4 or more consecutive weeks. All MCS teachers are highly qualified for the subjects they are teaching. At this time ALL of our teachers are highly qualified!

The School Accountability Report Card provides parents and the community with important information about each public school. This information is available in our office, is linked to our website and is available online at <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/>

Our School Grade and AYP information is available at <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/default.asp>. We are currently a high "B" this year based on last year's testing scores.

Florida B.E.S.T. Standards and Next Generation Sunshine State Standards identify what your child needs to know and be able to do in all content areas at all grade levels. This information is located at: <http://www.floridastandards.org/Standards/FLStandardSearch.aspx>.

School Assessments- Your child is assessed both formally and informally throughout the year to measure growth and learn what areas still need work. Formal assessments given include-

- F.A.S.T. Assessments in Kdg-5th Grade 3 times a year
- District Demand Writings this year for all students, Kdg. through 5th Grade
- District-wide comprehensive Reading and Math Benchmark testing (DMPAs)- grades 3rd-5th Grade)

Schoolwide Curriculum- Our school is currently using the following curriculum for direct instruction:

- Savvas My View Reading
- Savvas Envision Math
- Top Score Writing
- McGraw-Hill Science (Kdg-2nd Grade)
- Houghton Mifflin Science (3rd-5th Grade)
- Analytic Orange Social Studies Curriculum

The following curriculum is used for supplemental instruction:

- IXL
- IReady
- Great Leaps
- Reading Mastery (K-2)
- EIR (1st-2nd)
- Corrective Reading (3rd-5th)
- Read Naturally (K-5th)
- Visualizing and Verbalizing
- My View Reading and Envision Reteach Curriculum

Information on FAST Assessments may be found at <http://www.fsassessments.org>

The Title 1 law requires that all Title 1 schools and families work together. How we work together is listed in our School Level Parental Involvement Policy, our Parent-School Compact, and our School Improvement Plan.

This year, we will continue to hold several family activity nights, such as Dr. Seuss Literacy Night and Publix Math Night where families can complete activities together to increase their reading and math skills. We will continue to offer helpful tips in the school newsletter that covers many different topics such as how to help my child in each subject area, and how to help my child with homework, just to name a few.

Our School Improvement Plan can be viewed at- www.marioncharter.org

The district Parent Involvement Plan (which is awaiting final approval) can be found at our website and also at <http://www.marion.k12.fl.us/dept/fep/extra/file/TitleIPlan.pdf>

The Parent/Teacher/Student Compact lists the school responsibilities and promises; the family responsibilities and promises and the student responsibilities and promises. Parents are invited to all our Board meetings where the Parent-School Compact is developed and voted on. In charter schools, the Board of Directors serves as our School Advisory Council. All parents and community members are invited to our Board meetings and time is made available at each meeting for public comment and input on all items on the agenda. Agendas are posted at the school one week before each meeting. Board meeting dates are published at our school website www.marioncharter.org as well as in our school newsletter.

For further information on our Board meetings, please contact the Director- Michelle Axson at 687-2100 or via email at Michelle.Axson@marion.k12.fl.us

We are also required to hold an Annual Meeting to inform parents of Title 1 students of the Title 1 requirements and their rights to be involved in the Title 1 program. This meeting serves as the Annual Meeting.

To provide parents with the most flexibility, teachers are available to meet with parents, by appointment, at their discretion. Regular school meeting times are from 7:30-3:15.

We communicate with you via our weekly school newsletters. All newsletters are posted on the school website as well as our DOJO page. Our website is full of school information and resources. You can check out the various resources at www.marioncharter.org We also have DOJO and our Facebook page as other tools for communication with our parents and families.

This year we will have (4) 9 week grading periods. To help you understand how your child is doing, we hold 2 parent conference meetings each year. These meetings are held at the 1st and 3rd report card periods. Report cards are handed out at these meetings, they are not sent home. For the second and final 9-week periods, report cards will be sent home and conferences will be held for families who request them. All parents at MCS are asked to meet with their child's teacher at least for those 2 conferences. In addition to the 3 report cards/conferences, we send home interim reports to let you know how your child is progressing in school. You can check your child's grades in Skyward on a regular basis to monitor your child's progress.

Title 1 funds provide materials for parents to work with their children at home. In addition, the Title 1 van visits our school at scheduled times throughout the year with materials parents can borrow. The dates for these visits will be posted in our school calendar online and in our weekly newsletters.

Some ways you can help your child-

- Share a love of learning
- Read to your child and ask your child to read to you
- Limit TV and video game time
- Support your child's teacher by not talking negatively about them in front of your child
- Take advantage of the books and materials at the public library and our school library
- Show interest in your child's school day- ask questions, ask to see homework, check their daily folders
- Praise their efforts
- Encourage good study habits
- Encourage your child to make use of internet resources such as Reading Rangers and Reflex Math
- Become knowledgeable about the Sunshine State Standards and what your child needs to know
- Regular on-time attendance is important. Your child needs to be in school on time to get the most out of school. Attendance letters will be sent home every 20 days for students whose attendance rate has dropped below 80%. Follow-up meetings will be held with parents whose children continue to have excessive absences.
- If your child wears glasses, make sure they have them. If you need help getting or replacing glasses, please contact the school. Your child can't learn if they cannot see correctly.
- We have provided school information in our Family Calendar and Handbook available at our school website or in hard copy by written request. Please read over this important document.
- Our Code of Conduct is available online at our school website.

Some ways to get to know your school and teachers-

- Attend school events
- Visit the Classroom
- Volunteer at school
- Keep teachers informed about important events in your child's life
- Attend parent trainings, visit the Title 1 Van
- Attend parent conferences

- Review the parent/school compact and consider whether you have met your responsibilities as stated in that document

Visitors and volunteers are welcome at our school! To provide for your child's safety, all volunteers must be background checked before they can do volunteer work with students. All visitors and volunteers must check in at the office and receive a visitor or volunteer badge that must be worn. All visitors and volunteers must read and sign a visitor and/or volunteer guidelines form before visiting or volunteering at our school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Your involvement is crucial to your child's success. Research shows that your influence and involvement are vital to your child's success. You are your child's first teacher and the constant leader in your home. You set the tone and make decisions about what is important in your home. We are here to help you help your child. Please make time to speak with us about your child, and never hesitate to set a meeting to share any concerns or ask questions. Let us know how we can help you help your child. For additional resources to help your child, please visit the following online state Parent Resource Centers at:

Partnership for Family Involvement in Education at <https://www.aecf.org/blog/parental-involvement-is-key-to-student-success-research-shows> and

The Family Network on Disability at www.fndfi.org

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at (352) 687-2100. We look forward to a wonderful and rewarding school year!

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