

## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

At MDECA, we serve young children and their families in a safe, nurturing environment, creating a foundation for optimal learning by providing tools and teaching core values aimed at developing the whole child.

## **VISION STATEMENT:**

Our vision at MDECA is that every student will realize the opportunity to be a lifelong learner with good moral character, determination to reach their potential and be successful responsible citizens in the community.



BEGIN YOUR ACADEMIC  
JOURNEY AT

# **Meridith Dunbar Early Childhood Academy**

**PARENT AND  
FAMILY  
ENGAGEMENT  
POLICY**



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## OUR PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT GOAL = STUDENT SUCCESS

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### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

AT MDECA, WE BELIEVE :

- ◆ Effective Parental Involvement leads to higher student achievement, improves student behavior and student attendance.
- ◆ Parental participation and input increase school achievement by providing extra assistance to students in need.
- ◆ Every child should have the opportunity to attain his/her full potential. Therefore, we will maximize our resources to enable each child to become a successful learner.
- ◆ Ongoing, two-way, meaningful communication will occur to facilitate mutual understanding and to stimulate student success.
- ◆ MDECA will make every effort to include parents in the development, evaluation, and revision of the Title I Program and the Parental Involvement Policy during an annual review.

### BUILDING CAPACITY

At MDECA, we will:

- ◆ Provide assistance to parents in how to monitor a child's progress, and how to work with educators to improve student achievement.
- ◆ Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve student achievement.
- ◆ Encourage parent teacher conferences to discuss the child's progress in school as well as the social, emotional progress.
- ◆ Encourage support for our school among the business and civic organizations in our community.
- ◆ Repeatedly invite parents to become volunteers in our school to assist with special events and projects.
- ◆ Conduct monthly PTO programs which include a Powerful Learning session to increase parents confidence as the first educator of their family.
- ◆ Be available to assist parents who request coaching for parenting problems they are experiencing.

### HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED

- ◆ Fill out a Volunteer application form. We will take a photocopy of your Driver's License in order to run a Criminal Background check. Once your application is fully processed you are clear to work as a volunteer at MDECA!
- ◆ Join the PTO or volunteer to be an officer and help plan events. Help with popcorn popping at the end of each month.
- ◆ Volunteer to be on our Parent Advisory Committee. This means you will have a direct input on parental engagement policy.
- ◆ Volunteer as a reader or helper in a classroom, or to assist in our library, art room, or garden. We have many needs!
- ◆ Look at your child's purple folder EVERY DAY! There are important announcements and invitations you need to know about. Field trip permission slips will be there for you to sign.
- ◆ Utilize our library! We have resource books for parents as well as books to read to your children. You may check out 2 books at a time from 7:30-8:00 am or 3:30-4:00 pm.

