



PARENT COMMITMENT

Primary Educator

Because we adhere to the biblical mandate that the parent is to be a child's primary educator, we rely heavily on a partnership with parents to ensure their child's educational success. Although MCA will take the lead in the area of academics by introducing and teaching the concept, we consider parents to be co-instructors under the guidance of the classroom teacher.

Time Commitment

On average, students will spend an hour-hour and a half on work at home for every hour in class. However, this will vary with individual students and different grade levels. Parents must be willing to commit to being actively involved in their child's education. **Because MCA is a two day per week school, it is necessary for one parent to be home to oversee the child's education regardless of the child's age for the other days of the week.**

Parental Involvement

Parents will receive instructions from the classroom teacher on a regular basis outlining home assignments, drill practice, follow-up study over covered material and preparation needed for the next class. They will also take extensive responsibility for direct instruction in some courses (e.g., spelling and vocabulary in English, multiplication facts drill in math, etc). Many courses such as English and history will involve a large amount of reading. Parents need to be prepared to read with their student, especially during the elementary grades. As the student advances through grade levels, parents are still required to be actively involved in their child's education, but in the role of an "overseer/mentor", so that by the time a student graduates, he has learned to study independently and assume responsibility required for success at the college level.

In addition, character development is an important part of a child's education. Teaching children to complete their assignments with excellence, to be prepared for class, and to arrive to class on time prepares them for success in the future. In addition, the class itself runs more smoothly and effectively. Students who are tardy or unprepared for class detract from instructional time and hinder not only their own progress, but the progress of their fellow classmates.

Communication

At MCA, the parent role is defined for each course so that parents understand the required level of assistance for their children. Teachers will send home weekly assignment sheets to be reviewed by the parent with the student. Instructions to parents are included as part of these assignment sheets as are long-term study projects. Parents are also invited to communicate any of their questions back to the teacher as needed via telephone or email.

Parental Support

MCA will provide the parent as much support as possible to make sure the learning at home is effective and efficient. Individual counseling sessions are available with the MCA administration to help parents determine how to make the most of their time at home based on their family's individual needs and their student's class schedule. For more information, please email MCA at info@magnoliachristian.org.