

## **MPS Family Partner Program**

MPS' Family Partner program goal is to provide a safe space for all Marblehead students (residing in Marblehead and Boston) to participate in extracurricular activities and cultivate meaningful cultural exchange. This program is formerly known as METCO's Host Families.

The METCO Host Family program is a fantastic program that pairs families from Boston and Marblehead. Students from Boston had the opportunity to stay at local families' homes for school events and activities after school. Also, Marblehead families would travel and hang out with Boston families. In addition, the METCO program would sponsor district-wide activities that engage families and communities.

In that same spirit, the Family Partner program will extend this opportunity to all students and families attending Marblehead Public Schools. We are moving away from the terminology "Host Family" because we are a community that believes in investing in the lives of all young people.

Investing in young people mean:

- Caring adults are creating a space of belonging for students
- Students have access to the same enrichment opportunities as others
- Supporting fellow parents and caretakers because we believe that every parent and caretaker wants the best for his/her/their child

### **How does the program work?**

- All families interested in participating must complete the Family Partner Form and post-survey.
- If you are a family that wishes to welcome students into your home, you must complete the CORI form and get fingerprinted.
- Attend our Family Partner Program Meeting, Mixer, One-on-One Meet Up
  - These engagements grant opportunities to learn more about the program structure, goals and learn about and meet new families.

### **What are the expectations?**

- Families will provide safe space for students.
- Provide and exchange contact information (primary and emergency contact) with the schools and families they are partnered with.
- Family participation in community-building events.
- Families must complete the form and post-survey.

### **What are the commitment levels?**

Families and caretakers can decide how much they want to engage and support a family partner.

- After-school care
- Overnight care

- Emergency care (i.e., if a child is sick or gets injured during or outside school, you would support the child until the family arrives in Marblehead)
- **Stay in the Know** parent (a family can reach out to you if they have questions about resources within the school or community)

**Sign me up!**

To participate in the program, please complete the [Family Partners](#) form.