

Baldwin County Schools

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Parental Involvement Policy

2016-2017

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What is Parental Involvement?



Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- (B) That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- (C) 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.



Families in Action

Every parent makes a difference in their children's education. For example:

Kevin Gray, parent of a student at Georgia College Early College, was accepted for a two year term on the State School Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (2015-2017).



Shalaylah Gilbert, parent of a student at Midway Elementary, gets business to donate to the school and get involved. She volunteers to help all teachers.



Jacquez Wilson, parent of students at Blandy Hills Elementary. He provides support and mentoring to the male students and volunteers in his sons' room as well as others.



Baldwin County School District
110 North ABC Street
Milledgeville, GA 31061



School

August

- ✓ Open House

September

- ✓ Annual Title I Meetings Held
- ✓ Compacts and Parent Involvement Policies Sent Home

October-March

- ✓ Provide families information about: Assessments, Graduation Requirements, Georgia Standards of Excellence, Academic Content Areas, Literacy, Math, Technology, Transitioning to Elementary, Middle, & High or College & Careers, other support as requested

April

- ✓ Parent Satisfaction Surveys sent home
- ✓ Shared Decision Meetings Held to get input and feedback on compacts, parent policies, 1% Parent budget, an school improvement plans

District

August

- ✓ Conduct Interest Assessment

October

- ✓ Parent University Session-Academic Content Sessions

November

- ✓ Parent University Satellite Sessions-Academic Content and/or Fitness

January

- ✓ Literacy Fair
- ✓ Information and Feedback Meeting on CLIP and Parent Policy

February

- ✓ Parent University Session-Academic Content

March

- ✓ Parent Satisfaction Surveys sent Home

April

- ✓ Shared Decision Meeting
- ✓ Parent University Session-Transitions to Elementary, Middle, High, and College and Career

Accessibility

In carrying out the parental involvement requirements established by Section of the ESEA, the district family engagement specialist will communicate and collaborate with the all Baldwin County schools to ensure full opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children including providing information and school reports in a language parents can understand.

Building School and Parent Partnerships

Parent University

The BCSD will utilize Parent University as a means to provide parents academic content information that will support learning at home. The BCSD and Title I schools will work together to provide information on understanding The Georgia Standards of Excellence, Georgia Milestones, Title I, Part A requirements, technology resources to support academic progress and to monitor grades and attendance, and academic skills.

This learning environment will allow the district to partner with the community to assist in empowering our parents as leaders. Parent University will be held at least 3 times this year and each opportunity will allow parents and families to obtain and learn new information

The dates, times, and locations will be advertised during the school year.



BCSD Family Engagement Webpage

baldwin.schooldesk.net/Parents/ParentalInvolvement/FamilyEngagement

Remind 101

Text Messages send @baldwinco to 81010

OR Send blank E-mail to

baldwinco@mail.remind.com



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@Baldwin_Cty_BOE



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The district will also provide information on their website of other online sources, Parent Newsletters (October-April), and guides that parents and use to assist their children at home with academic learning. Paper copies will be available at local board of education office.

BCSD will coordinate and integrate family engagement activities with Early Learning Center (preschool program) by inviting staff from this program to collaborate on activities for this age range. In spring each elementary school will host a workshop providing information on transitioning to Kindergarten so parents can know how to prepare them and their children.

Parent notifications, newsletters, flyers, resource lists will be sent home in the family's native language that they understand. If an interpreter is needed for a parent meeting or event one will be provided (if available) or we will utilize the Language Line. The information on the district website is able to be translated in multiple languages, where practicable. The district and schools will use a call out system, local newspapers, radio, websites, Remind 101, and social media (Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube (videos) and other school message systems to inform parents of events.

To ensure families receive the information needed the school district is also committed to conducting in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children and with parents who are unable to attend those conferences at school (if needed) and each school in the district are to hold 2-Two parent meetings in the Fall and Spring the community of our families. The community meetings are held at churches, service centers, and business.

Jointly Developed Parent Policy

During the year parents were invited to participate and provide suggestion and ideas to improve the district's Title 1 parental involvement plan, Comprehensive Local Education Agency Improvement Plan (CLIP), and Parental Involvement fund allocations for the 2016-2017 school year.

The district had information sent out to schools to advertise the meetings, personal calls and e-mails, and the announcement was posted on the district's website.

Once feedback is received it will be reviewed and taken into consideration into developing appropriate parental involvement activities. Upon final revision, elements of the district parental involvement policy was incorporated into the CLIP which was submitted to the state.

Parents are welcome to submit comments and feedback regarding the policy at any time by submitting written comments to the Family Engagement Specialist or by visiting Title I Parent Engagement page of website.

The district parental involvement policy will be posted on district and school Web site, made available in the parent resource centers at each local school, and from District Family Engagement Specialist. The district school and public relations representative with post on social media outlets and media.



Reservation of Funds

The BCSD will reserve 1 percent from the total amount of Title I funds it receives in FY16 to carry out the parental involvement requirements listed in this policy and as described in Section 1118 of the ESEA. Furthermore, the BCSD will distribute 95 percent of the amount reserved to all Title I schools to support their local-level parental involvement programs and activities.

The district will provide clear guidance and communication to assist each Title I school in developing an adequate parental involvement budget that addresses their needs assessment and parent recommendations.

Parents are informed of the use and purpose of Title I funds during each school's Annual Title I Meeting and feedback for the use of these funds will be on annual survey and during spring shared decision meetings.

Excelling Our Schools

The district Family Engagement Specialist will provide support and assistance to all Title I schools to ensure parental involvement requirements are being satisfied and that parent engagement strategies and activities are being implemented.

At the beginning of the year school administrators and district Family Engagement Specialist will meet to review family engagement requirements and activities. During this time school administrators received a reference guide (with examples and resources) to assist with satisfying the parent engagement strategies.

Family Engagement Specialist will conduct two program evaluation at schools (Fall and Spring) to ensure the family engagement strategies are being followed, provide further guidance, and discuss any changes.

Additionally, from the district Title I school teachers will receive training in Fall and Spring on how to reach out and communicate and work with parents; as well as school administrators are to incorporate this into professional development. Also, a monthly newsletter with resources and tips will be provided to help improve and strengthen family engagement.

Program Evaluation

Every year, Baldwin County School District will conduct an evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy and the activities at the district and school level. This review will be conducted by each school utilizing an annual parent survey and spring shared decision meeting.

Beginning in April, each Title I school will send home a survey for parents to provide feedback on the parent involvement activities held throughout the year. The survey will be posted on district Title I Family Engagement webpage to collect parent feedback.

Each school, will conduct a shared decision meeting to solicit parent input and feedback on parental involvement and to discuss the needs of the parents of the children eligible to receive Title I services related to improving student achievement.

The BCSD will use the findings from these surveys to increase and support effective parental findings, seek out ways to remove barriers, and assist in developing district and parental involvement policies.



Adoption

This Baldwin County School District Title 1 Parental Involvement Plan has been developed jointly with, and approved by parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

This plan was adopted by the Baldwin County School District October 21, 2015 and will be in effect for the period of one year. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before October 31, 2016.