



## Parent Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Success

Brooks County Middle School  
2018-2019

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### What is Title I?

Brooks County Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards and reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

### School Plan for Shared Achievement

- **What is it?** This plan describes how BCMS will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. It outlines ways that the school and teachers will support parent involvement and how parents can plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and home.
- **How is it revised?** BCMS welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for the next year. The school hosts a fall parent meeting that details Title I services and plans. We send annual spring surveys to ask parents for suggestions on the plan and use of parent involvement funds. Parents can also give feedback at a number of stakeholder events scheduled periodically through the year.
- **Who is it for?** BCMS is a school-wide Title I School, so all students participate in the Title I, A program. All students and their families are encouraged and invited to participate in the opportunities outlined in this plan.
- **Where is it available?** The plan is posted on the school's website and distributed to each student. Additionally, parents can retrieve a copy of the plan from the Title I Parent Involvement Coordinator.



### Parent Involvement

*Brooks County Middle School believe that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:*

- parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- 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.

#### National Parent Involvement Standards:

- Standard 1: Communicating** – Communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful
- Standard 2: Parenting** – Parenting skills are promoted and supported.
- Standard 3: Student Learning** – Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning
- Standard 4: Volunteering** – Parents are welcome at the school, and their support and assistance are sought.
- Standard 5: School Decision Making and Advocacy** – Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families.
- Standard 6: Collaborating with Community** – Community resources are used to strengthen schools, families, and student learning.



## Let's Get Together!

Brooks County Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and community to improve student achievement.

### Annual Title I Meeting

September 18, 2018 @ 5:30

### Parent Engagement Team Meetings

October 16, 2018 @ 12:00 pm  
October 25, 2018 @ 6:00 pm  
February 28, 2018 @ 6:00 pm  
March 6, 2018 @ 12:00 pm

### Monthly PTSO Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month

### School Council Meeting

December 3, 2018 @12:00

### Middle School Jump-Start/6<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation

July TBA

## 2018-2019 District Goal

- To reduce the number of students scoring Level 1 (Beginning Learner) on the Georgia Milestones Assessment

## 2018-2019 BCMS Goals

- The number of students scoring a Level 2 or higher on the Georgia Milestones Assessments in grades 6-8 will increase by 5% after the 2019 GMAS administration.
- Discipline referrals for grades 6-8 will decrease 10% by May 2019.
- The number of students demonstrating reading comprehension at or above the midpoint CCRPI "stretch" Lexile band for each grade level will increase by 3% after the 2019 GMAS.

## Brooks County Middle School

BCMS will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals.

We will...

- Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published and posted on the school website (Spanish versions available per request).
- Conduct professional learning with staff on positive parent involvement practices and effective strategies to communicate and build partnerships, based on parent feedback.
- Share information in English and Spanish (per request) on how parents can understand the school's academic standards and assessments and ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with teachers.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, via phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's performance.
- Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase stakehold participation and awareness of the school plan and activities.
- Offer parent classes to help further enhance their education and life skills.
- Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

## School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, BCMS and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students master grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during Parent Partners and stakeholder meetings.

## School Council/Parent Advisory

Brooks County Middle School hosts a School Council, comprised of parents, teachers, and leaders. The team will meet to share ideas and build partnerships between stakeholders. The team will meet four times during the school year. If you would like to learn more about School Council, please contact Mrs. Christine Freeman.



**BCMS is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan.**

**Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.**  
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