

BROOKS COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

2023-2024 PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY



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A Look At Title I

Brooks County Middle School (BCMS) is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging academic standards 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

What is Our Plan For Shared Student Achievement?

This is a plan that describes how BCMS will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. BCMS values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that BCMS will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

A survey is shared with parents to collect information to assist in the review and revision of this parent and family engagement policy, the annual school improvement plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget for BCMS. Parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year via our parent engagement coordinator. Our plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the following school year. Parents and family members can also give feedback during the various parent meetings and activities hosted by our parent engagement coordinator during the school year including our district's annual Lend Your Voice event.

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. BCMS will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

At the beginning of the year, a hard copy of the plan is distributed to all students. The plan is also disseminated via email and text using our Trojan app, posted on the school website and social media, and a hard copy can be retrieved from the Parent Resource Room at BCMS.

Parent Resource Room

Come visit our BCMS Parent Resource Room to check out resources to support your child's path to graduation and post-graduation, GMAS study materials, and strategies to use at home with your Trojan. Computers are available for parents to explore district resources and educational materials.

Monday – Friday
7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Join Dr. Maura Lewis's School Council

BCMS invites all parents to join the BCMS School Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and our community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys, social media, and website. If you would like to learn more about the BCMS School Council, please contact the Instructional Coach at (229) 588-2342, or send an email to Mrs. Jones at ahjones@brooks.k12.ga.us.



2023-2024 District Goals

- Goal 1: The Brooks County School District will increase the number of students scoring Developing or higher by 3% as measured by the Spring 23 End of Grade and End of Course Georgia Milestones Assessment System.
- Goal 2: Brooks County School District will improve areas of the climate rating by 3% through the implementation of targeted resources and interventions.

2023-2024 School Improvement Goals

- Brooks County Middle School will increase its content mastery score by 3%.
- Brooks County Middle School will improve its climate rating by 3%.
- Brooks County Middle School will increase the amount of students who only miss 10% or less of their enrolled days by 3%.



School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, BCMS and our families will develop a school-parent compact, an agreement between parents, teachers, and students that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Lend Your Voice event and the monthly Coffee and Conversations meetings with principals. The school-parent compact is posted on our website, shared via our Trojan app, and made available in the front office if a parent needs additional copies.



Our Commitment To You

BCMS is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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We Are Leveling Up @ Brooks County Middle School!

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

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is provided in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website.
- Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with literacy and math activities/strategies for our Trpjans outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during the professional learning community meetings.
- Partner with community stakeholders, high school and post-secondary schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children to hold true to their pledge to graduate (P2G).
- Share information in English and Spanish with parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Use our Community Partners and School Council to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- Offer requested workshops for parents and family members to help further enhance their skills.
- Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



BCMS has adopted the national PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

These standards are:

**Welcome All Families * Communicate Effectively * Support Student Success
Speak Up For Every Child * Share Power * Collaborate With Community**

Mark Your Calendars:



Come Join Us for These Events!

Title I Parent Information Night: September 2023

- This meeting will be recorded and made available on our school website.

Monthly Coffee & Conversations @ J.H. Wells Center

- Second Tuesday of Every Month

Parent Engagement Meetings

- Monthly meetings will be hosted by Mrs. Jones, BCMS Parent & Family Engagement Coordinator

Annual Parent Survey

- March 2024

August: Open House

September: Grandparents Day Breakfast

October: Camp Out STEM Night

November: Thanksgiving Lunch

December: No Planned Event

January: GMAS Parent Night

February: Muffins with Miss, Ms., & Mrs.

March: Doughnuts for Dudes

April: Bingo Night and 5th Grade Parent Night



Follow us on social media for more information on these events and other opportunities to get involved with our work at Brooks County Middle School!



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