



What is Title I and How Can I be Involved?

Annual Family Meeting
Bronx Charter School for Excellence
2024-2025



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Please put your First Name and Last Name and the school your scholar attends in the chat.
- All about Title-funded programs
- Family Engagement Policy
- Get Involved
- Questions and Answers

Family & Community Engagement Team

- Ms. Rivera, Managing Director
- Two Case Managers
 - Ms. Bercaw & Ms. Nisbett
- Four Family Care Aides
 - Ms. Khan, Ms. Riley, Mr. Reid, Sr. and Ms. Medrano
- Our goal is to connect families to resources in the community and promote programs for our scholars.

Definition of Title I:

Title I provides federal funding to schools to help students who are not meeting achievement levels or at the most risk of falling behind.

Title I is allocated to schools based on the percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch.

Schools with a percentage of at least 40% are eligible for a school-wide program.

Title 1 Funds

Supplemental instruction during the school day and out of school time in core subject areas

Interventions (outside of special education services)

Supplemental services from social workers and guidance counselors

Family engagement and support services

Bronx Charter School for
Excellence operates a Title I
School-wide Program.

Schoolwide means:



The school uses Title I funds to upgrade the entire educational program of the school.



Title I funds are used to serve all children in order to raise academic achievement.



Title I funds are used to provide additional assistance to all students who experience difficulties in meeting the State's performance targets.

To be a “School-wide” School:

1

The school must have a free/reduced lunch count of at least 40%.

2

The school must collect and analyze data on student achievement.

3

The school must develop a comprehensive site plan and annually review the effectiveness of the plan.

**Bronx Charter School for
Excellence
Title I Schoolwide Program**

A National Blue Ribbon Model

Our Mission:

Our schools prepare young scholars to compete for admission to and succeed in top public, private, and parochial high schools by cultivating their intellectual, artistic, social, emotional, and ethical development. We accomplish this by offering a challenging and rigorous academic curriculum, which at the earliest of grades has an eye towards college preparation. To achieve this, our schools create a supportive and caring environment that at all times has high expectations of all students. We offer a differentiated, project-based learning environment that seeks to develop high-level analytic and critical thinking skills in all of our students. Our engaging and rigorous approach to educating our scholars is implemented by a collaborative team of teachers.

COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY



Where are Bobcats now?



Penn
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA



ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY



Trinity School



DARTMOUTH



Focus Goals

Include, but not limited to:

- High Academic Standards and Data Driven
- RTI/MTSS – Student support services and interventions across all grade levels
- Professional Development for teachers and staff
- Social Emotional Support
- Family and Community Engagement
- Enrichment Opportunities

Title I Parent Notification Requirements

Parent's Right to Know – Student Achievement

- All parents will receive notice of their child's performance on state assessments.
- Distributed at Parent Teacher Conferences with report card.

Parent's Right to Know – Teachers Professional Qualifications

- Schools are required to notify parents whenever their students has been assigned, or have been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher who does not meet applicable state certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.



Right to Request Meetings

Upon the request of parents, the school must provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children.

The school must respond to any such suggestions as soon as possible, to the extent that it is practical and reasonable.

School-Parent Compact

- The compact describes the parents', students' and schools' responsibility for the education of each student.
- BCSE Family Handbook and Posted on website

<https://www.excellencecommunityschools.org/policies-and-procedures>

Family Engagement Policy

- The policy includes how Bronx Excellence will implement Title 1 required components of parent involvement.
- Draft under review
- Gather Parent feedback
- Approval
- Posted on website

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Family Engagement Policy Feedback

- Please share your feedback on the Family Engagement Policy:
 - + = What are the strengths? What do you like?
 - Δ = What is missing? What changes do you suggest?
 - ? = What are some questions you have?
- Families are welcome to send feedback and questions to Ms. Rivera at krivera@excellenceschools.org

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1h6VicwU5YYTqr-Vue_SFol3UJnpSu0Zl_4fE-XXPVTI/edit?usp=sharing

How You Can Be Involved?

Family Engagement Opportunities



Bronx Excellence Parent Association activities

Picture Days, Scholastic Book Fairs, Read-a-thon, Chuck E. Cheese



ECS Network

Advocacy Day, Bronx Week Parade, meetings with local elected officials, community board meetings



School-based

Parent Teacher Conferences, Curriculum Night, Literacy Night, Publishing Parties, Family Fitness Nights, Art Show, Robotics/Tech Camps, Science Fairs, HS Placement, etc.

Family Leadership Opportunities

Bronx Excellence
Parent Association

Bronx Excellence
Advocacy Team

BLACC Parent Corps
– Black Latinx Asian
Charter Collaborative

NYC Kids Rise Save
for College Program

#FindtheBobcat –
Family Ambassador

☆☆ happy
100 days
of school ☆

Bronx Excellence Parent Association



Read·A·Thon

Field Day

**Bronx Charter School for Excellence's
10th Year Anniversary & Multi-Cultural Day**

BLOCK PARTY
June 11th 2016
10am to 2pm
Pugsley Avenue
(Between Westchester & Benedict Avenues)
10am to 2pm

DANGERS
10am to 2pm
Pugsley Avenue
(Between Westchester & Benedict Avenues)
10am to 2pm

Block Party (with Bouncy House, Face Painting, Games, and more)

Dangers (with Games, and more)

Crafting

**CUISINE FROM AROUND THE WORLD PREPARED
BY BCSE PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

All festivities (crafts, games & food) require a ticket. Tickets are \$2

Celebrate with us!!!!

If you'd like to volunteer or contribute a dish,
please contact Tanya at info@bcsepa.org or 646-543-7747



Community Advocacy

- Advocacy Day in Albany
- BLACC Parents Corp
- Bronx Community Boards
- East Bronx COAD - Community Organizations Active in Disaster



Upcoming Initiatives

NYC
Emergency
Preparedness

NYC Kids Rise
Save for College
Program

#FindtheBobcat
– Family
Ambassador



Stay Ready NYC!

- NYC Emergency Management
- East Bronx COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disasters)
- Sponsored by AM Karines Reyes
- Save the Date: April 22nd

Students at our school have money for college + career training!



Kindergarteners through 3rd graders have
free NYC Scholarship Accounts that
their families can activate now.

NYC
KIDS
RISE | Save for College
Program

nyckidsrise.org/activate

Get money for your child's NYC Scholarship Account

\$25
reward

Activate & view your child's free
\$100 NYC Scholarship Account

\$25
reward

Open and connect your own
college & career savings account

\$25
reward

Make the first deposit into
your new savings account

up to
\$100
reward

Receive the savings match!

nyckidsrise.org/get-started

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Program



Have you spotted Excellence around town? Is your scholar sporting our colors with pride? Show your support of Excellence Community Schools by posting a picture of your scholars wearing their Excellence threads, one of our many signs around town, or maybe even the Excellence Bobcat itself. Use the hashtag **#FindtheBobcat** so that we can see your posts. We'll feature some of the best ones in an Instagram Story at the end of the month.

Tag us!



Questions?

- Academic concerns:
 - Contact your child's teacher
- School-based concerns:
 - Contact your School Leader
- General questions:
 - Contact Family and Community Engagement Team

Contact Information

- Ms. Kristine Rivera, Managing Director of Family and Community Engagement

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