

Ben Hill Elementary School
Parent and Family Engagement
Policy and Plan for Shared Student
Success

2026-2027 School Year

Ben Hill Elementary School

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What is Title I?

Ben Hill Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State 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.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Ben Hill Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Ben Hill Elementary 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 Ben Hill Elementary 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.



How is it revised?

Ben Hill Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The 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 next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our annual Community Cares event.

Who is it for?

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. Ben Hill Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan will also be posted on the school website and social media.

2026-27 Mission
Empowering All Students for
Success

2026-27 School Goals
All students will show growth in
reading and math.

2026-27 PTO Meetings
Held the 2nd Tuesday of each
Month.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Ben Hill Elementary 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 reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the

Community Cares event and the School Forum. The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's permanent folder.

Let's Get Together!

Ben Hill Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Open House – July 30, 2026

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year. Each student will receive his or her schedule and have the opportunity to meet each teacher.

First Day of School- July 31, 2026

Parent Information Night-August 20, 2026

Parents will learn and get to explore the HMH Math curriculum with their student.

Grandfriends Lunch-September 3, 2026

Grandparents and guest will enjoy lunch with their student to celebrate Grandparents Day

Family Involvement- Parent-Teacher Conferences Scheduled October 9th

Students and parents will have the opportunity to discuss grades, academic standards, and promotional requirements.

Family Involvement- ELA Night

Students and families will have the opportunity to discuss grades, academic standards, and promotional requirements.

Family Involvement-Thanksgiving Feast-November 18th

Families are invited to join us for a Thanksgiving Celebration Meal.

Family Involvement- STEAM Night January 18, 2027

Students and families will explore science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics through engaging hands-on activities.

Family Involvement- Daddy Daughter Dance February 27, 2027

Annual Event where Daddys and Daughters can come and dance the night away.

Family Involvement – Parent-Teacher Conferences Scheduled March 15, 2027

Students and parents will have the opportunity to discuss grades, academic standards and progress. .

Family Involvement- GMAS Parent Night -March 18, 2027

Parents will meet with teachers and staff and receive information about the Georgia Milestones and complete an online practice session to see how students are tested.

Dates Subject to Change



Parent Resources

To find out more about Parent Involvement, contact ,
our parent involvement coordinators.

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Parent and Family Engagement

Ben Hill Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.

That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.

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.

The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Ben Hill Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call if you have any questions about any of the activities provided.

(229) 409-5586



Ben Hill Elementary is Branching Out!

Ben Hill Elementary 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 school goals. We will:

Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the Hurricane Herald, which is posted on the district website, emailed, and on social media pages.

Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.

Share information in English and Spanish on the school blog and in the school newsletter for 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 Partners in Education to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.

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.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Ben Hill Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

- Welcoming All Families
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking Up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with Community

School and Community

Ben Hill Elementary School invites all parents to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. If you would like to learn more about how to become involved, please contact the principal at (229) 409-5586 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



Volunteering

Yes, I am interested in volunteering at Ben Hill Elementary School
Please contact me so I can learn more about how to volunteer
Please send me notifications about meetings and updates

Name:

Child's Name and Grade:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address:

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)

Comment: