Baldwin County School District
Parent and Family
Engagement Policy

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What is Parent and Family Engagement?

Family engagement is defined as the active involvement of parents and family members in regular, meaningful, and two-way communication regarding student academic progress and school activities. This partnership ensures that:

- **Essential Partnership: Families play a fundamental role in supporting and enhancing their child's learning journey.**
- **Active Engagement: Parents are strongly encouraged to be active participants in their child's day-to-day education.**
- **Shared Decision-Making: Families serve as full educational partners, with opportunities to join advisory committees and guide key decisions regarding their child's schooling.**
- **ESSA Compliance: The school actively collaborates with families to implement all engagement initiatives outlined in Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).**

About the Parent and Family Engagement Policy

The Baldwin County School District (BCSD) is dedicated to strengthening student academic achievement through robust family partnerships. This Parent and Family Engagement Policy establishes clear expectations and objectives for meaningful family involvement, guiding the allocation of resources and strategies within our Title I schools. This plan details BCSD's commitment to collaborating with families and building school capacity to execute engagement initiatives aligned with district and student academic goals

Believe in Baldwin: Building a Premiere Community Together

When schools, families, and communities unite to support learning, students achieve greater academic success, graduate college and career ready, and develop a more positive attitude toward education. Title I, Part A, and Section 1116 of ESSA outline clear federal requirements for robust family involvement in student education. To meet these standards, the BCSD works actively with its Title I schools to develop compliant, school-level parent and family engagement policies. Central to this effort is the implementation of a school-parent compact for every participating campus, ensuring families are essential to the school improvement process.

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Framework for Authentic Family Consultation

Input from our families and community partners is vital to shaping the district and school improvement plans we create each year. We invite all parents of students eligible for Title I services to attend either of the two meeting opportunities outlined below. Your ideas, suggestions, and feedback are essential to helping our district, schools, and students reach our shared academic achievement goals

District Family Engagement Feedback Meeting ~ Held Yearly in the Month of May

All parents are invited to receive the latest updates from the Baldwin County School District (BCSD), as well as review and contribute feedback on the District Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the Consolidated LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP) for the 2026–2027 school year. Notification regarding this meeting will be distributed to all families via email prior to the event. Additionally, detailed meeting information will be published on the official school district website.

School Family Engagement Feedback Forum~ To be Held during the Month of April/May

To foster collaborative decision-making, each Title I school will host a family forum. This interactive event invites parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions to review the schoolwide plan and parent and family engagement policies. Participants will also guide the allocation of the family engagement budget and suggest training topics for school staff. Schools will widely promote these forums through multiple communication tools—such as school websites, social media, flyers, email, and ClassDojo—to ensure all families are notified of the date and time. Following the events, family engagement feedback resources will be made readily accessible on school websites

Input on the use of Title I funds to support family engagement programs may also be provided through the annual district survey. The survey will contain questions related to the family engagement budget and school staff training for parents to provide feedback.

If unable to attend meetings:

Visit www.baldwincountyschools.org to review meeting documents, minutes, and leave your input.



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Building Capacity for Effective School-Family Partnerships

The BCSD will build partnerships between its Title I Schools, families, and community with the goal of developing mutual support for student achievement. To develop capacity for this support, the BCSD will implement a variety of family and community engagement initiatives.

- **The BCSD will provide families with information about the overall Title I program and its requirements. The district works with Title I schools to help families understand academic expectations for student learning and progress. The Georgia Standards of Excellence along with local and state assessments, including alternative assessments information will also be provided. The district also offers assistance to parents in understanding the use of its online student information system (Infinite Campus) and other digital resources, including the harms of copyright piracy, through technology specialists. Notifications about these opportunities will be posted on the district website and shared through school messaging systems, newsletters, and social media postings. In addition, the district and school websites contain resources and materials such as parent guides, study guides, practice assessments, and materials for at-home learning.**

- **The BCSD Governance Team, made up of parent representatives from each Title I school, advises the district and schools on all matters related to family engagement. Community leaders and business partners are also invited to serve on the Governance Team. The participation of all our partners is encouraged through video conferencing and recording options to accommodate varying schedules.**

- **The BCSD will coordinate and integrate the district's family engagement programs under this part with parent and family engagement strategies, to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs such as, the local preschool program and other federal and state funded preschool programs in the district. The district will invite faculty and staff from those programs to attend planning meetings focused on family engagement activities. In the spring, schools will host Kindergarten Ready days, Middle and High School Transition Activities, and College and Career Fair so parents may receive information to help prepare them and their children for the next life stage.**

- **The BCSD will conduct four training sessions during the school year for principals and school Family Engagement Coordinators to learn and discuss strategies to increase family engagement, improve school-family communication, and build ties with parents and the community. These trainings will be redelivered to the faculty and staff of Title I schools. The BCSD will also host training for appropriate school staff and faculty that will focus on creating welcoming environments.**

- **The BCSD will ensure that information related to district, school, parent programs, and activities is available to all parents, each Title I school is required to send home and post online information for parents and family members in an understandable language and uniform format. At the beginning of the year, school staff will be trained on parent notifications and resources to be sent home in parents' preferred language, where applicable, and provide interpreters at parent events and meetings. Information posted on the district website will be translated to the extent practicable. The district will also utilize school phone call systems, district and school websites, local news media, and social media to post information for parents.**



PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT EVALUATION

To continuously enhance the academic quality of our Title I schools, BCSD conducts an annual evaluation of our Parent and Family Engagement Policy and its programming. This review measures the policy's content and overall effectiveness by analyzing data from the annual parent survey and the School Family Engagement Feedback forums

To ensure our programs meet the needs of our community, each Title I school will launch its annual family engagement survey in April. Parents can complete the survey via a sent-home paper copy, an emailed link, or by visiting the district and school websites. In tandem with this survey, schools will host interactive forums to discuss Title I services and design innovative strategies for more effective family partnership. BCSD is committed to using these survey results and forum insights to refine our engagement strategies, remove obstacles to parent participation, and update our parent and family engagement policies."

Accessibility

In accordance with the parent and family engagement mandates of Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the District Family Engagement Coordinator will collaborate with the Office for Student Support Services to ensure equitable participation opportunities for parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. This includes providing essential information and academic reports in accessible formats and translated languages. Furthermore, the Title I Director will coordinate directly with parents and guardians of students experiencing homelessness, those in foster care, and neglected or delinquent youth to support their unique educational needs.

Adoption

The District-Wide Parent and Family Engagement Policy is jointly developed and agreed upon in collaboration with parents, school leaders, and district personnel during the annual State of the District meeting. The Baldwin County School District will formally adopt this updated policy July 1, 2026, to take effect for the 2026–2027 academic year. To ensure transparency and compliance, the district will distribute this policy to all families of participating Title I, Part A students through multiple communication channels prior to or during the first week of the fall semester.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

For Parents

Annual Parent Survey
April/May, 2027

Family Engagement Forum
April/May 2027
Local school site

State of the District
April/May, 2027
County Board Office

For Schools

Local School Governance Team Meetings

Student-Parent Teacher Conferences

Principal and FEC Meetings

All Meetings Posted on School Calendar

Family Engagement Events





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