



Ballard Hudson Middle School

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Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2026-2027

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What is Title I?

Ballard Hudson Middle School 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 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 all parents and family members a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan to strengthen student academic achievement.

District Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Student Achievement

All students will continually demonstrate high academic and social-emotional growth preparing them for life, college, and careers.

Strategic Goal 2: Staff Effectiveness

All employees will excel daily in the performance of their roles to ensure our district thrives.

Strategic Goal 3: Stakeholder Engagement

We will build collective ownership and active engagement among all stakeholders to maximize students' overall learning experiences.

. Refer to the detailed Board of Education 2023-2028 Strategic Plan for measurable outcomes by category

Reading

Increase the number of students reading on grade by 10% in 2027.

ELA

Increase the ELA performance on the GA Milestone Assessment by 10% in 2027.

Math

Increase students Math performance on the GA Milestone Assessment by 10% in 2027.

Refer to <https://bit.ly/3zeCES2> for any changes to school goals.

Shared Responsibility for Success

What is it?

Ballard -Hudson MS is identified as a Title I School as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I Part A, is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards. Title I supports these efforts by reinforcing and enhancing teaching and learning for students. Title I Schools must jointly develop, with all families, a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact and Schoolwide Plan. Parents and families are also involved in providing input on how Title I funds for Family Engagement Survey and during the family and Community Engagement (ACE) Forum.

How is the plan developed?

Parents are invited to attend the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum to review and revise this plan, the schoolwide plan, school-parent compact and the family engagement budget. These meetings are held at various times in the spring. Parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. All feedback received will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents and family members for their suggestions on the plan and use of funds for family engagement.

Who is the plan for?

All students who participate in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Ballard-Hudson Middle will provide full opportunities for parents and family members with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan will be available at school events. Teachers will also keep a copy on file to be used during conferences. The plan will be posted on the school website, and can be retrieved from the front office, media center, and the Parent Resource Center.

School-Parent Compacts

The School-Parent compact was jointly developed by teachers, parents, and students. Our compact is an agreement between the school, parents, and students stating what each party will do to ensure that all students reach grade level performance. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback received from parents, students, and teachers during the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum.

. Additional copies will be posted on the school website, kept in the media center, front office and in the Parent Resource Room. You will receive a QR code on your Signing Day Paper for you to download.

Ballard-Hudson is Roaring!

Ballard Hudson will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school 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 timely and published in both English and Spanish, as needed.
- ✓ Conduct monthly training for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication and build an equal partnership with families.
- ✓ Invite parents and families from our elementary feeder schools and Southwest High School to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish, when possible, 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 about school meetings and events by flyers, school marquee, school website and phone calls as appropriate.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant training and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials, training, and handouts to help parents work with their child to improve academic achievement.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' request for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.
- ✓ Submit parent feedback about any part of the schoolwide plan that is not satisfactory to the student and school's goals for academic achievement to the local Title I Office.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Ballard-Hudson Middle is committed to offering multiple opportunities for parents to attend all meetings and workshops outlined in this plan.

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Let's Get Together!

The following events are offered to strengthen the partnerships among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Meetings are held at flexible times throughout the year.

- **July/August 2026 - Open House:** Meet administrators, teachers, counselors, and support staff at Ballard Hudson. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for sports clubs and receive other valuable information.
- **August 2026 - Annual Title I Meeting:** Learn about Title I, the Schoolwide Plan, School-Parent Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Plan and the Family Engagement Budget.
- **September 2026 - School Attendance Awareness Month:** This is a time to remind families that every school day matters! Regular attendance helps students stay connected, keep up with learning, and reach their full potential.
- **October 2026 Student Led Conferences:** give students the opportunity to take ownership of their learning, celebrate their progress, and share their goals with families and teachers.
- **January 2027- ELA/Social Studies Academic Night:** See displays of what your child has learned through standard-based activities and displays. Teachers will discuss the expectations for getting student prepared for the Georgia Milestones Assessments.
- **October 2026 (ongoing) -Three-Way Communication: Home, School and Community:** Teachers will learn how to communicate effectively with parents. Parents are welcome to assist with the development of this workshop and are invited to present or attend.
- **November 2026 - Georgia Family Engagement Month – National Parental Involvement Month:** Ballard Hudson celebrates the contributions of our families to the academic success of our students during the month of November.
- **November 2026 - Title I Family Engagement Survey:** Parents are invited to provide feedback on our school's family engagement activities and the family engagement budget.
- **January 2027- Student Led Conferences:** give students the opportunity to take ownership of their learning, celebrate their progress, and share their goals with families and teachers.
- **January 2027- Math Academic Night:** See displays of what your child has learned through standard-based activities and displays. Teachers will discuss the expectations for getting student prepared for the Georgia Milestones Assessments.
- **February - March 2027 - Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum:** Parents are invited to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the Schoolwide Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and the Family Engagement Budget.
- **January 2027- Science Academic Night:** See displays of what your child has learned through standard-based activities and displays. Teachers will discuss the expectations for getting student prepared for the Georgia Milestones Assessments.
- **April 2027- Smooth Move:** Parents of Rising 6th and 9th grade students will have the opportunity to come and learn the expectations for middle and high school.