

Supporting the Family-School Partnership

BCPS provides coordination, support, and technical assistance in building effective family-school partnerships:

- Offering professional learning opportunities throughout the school year to school staff on topics such as: Effective Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences; Communicating with Families—Challenges and Solutions; Establishing a Welcoming Environment; and Understanding Demographics.
- Staff from the Office of Title I support Title I schools through the year with the implementation of the Title I School Level Plan and Home-School Compact.

For families and community members by:

- Offering early literacy opportunities to families through the ABC program and coordinating outreach to families through the Judy Center, public libraries, and other federal, state, and local programs.
https://dci.bcps.org/department/academic_services/early_childhood/aliza_brandwine_center_a_b_c
- Building the capacity of families by offering workshops through the BCPS Parent University.
- Partnering with Baltimore County Public Libraries and other community organizations.
- Coordinating with the Office of Equity and Cultural Proficiency to address the varied needs of school communities.

National, State, and Local

Maryland State Department of Education

<https://news.maryland.gov/msde/>

United States Department of Education

Empowering Parents School Box

http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/school_box/index.html

Baltimore County Public Schools

Office of Family and Community Engagement

https://cos.bcps.org/departments/communications/family_and_community_engagement



BCPS and all Title I schools offer full opportunities for all caregivers, and families to meaningfully participate in their child's education by offering interpreting and translation services related to school and parent/family/caregiver programs, meetings and other activities.

The Office of Title I can support Title I families with transportation, as needed.

BCPS and Title I Systemwide Family Engagement Plan

Baltimore County Public Schools



Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) endorses meaningful partnerships among schools, parents, family caregivers, and the community.

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Feedback Needed

We value your input! Please complete the evaluation by scanning the QR code (left) or visit

<https://forms.office.com/r/y6McW2SggV> and share any feedback you have on the BCPS and Title I Systemwide Family Engagement Plan.

Family Communication

BCPS communicates information to parents, caregivers, families, and community stakeholders about Title I requirements, state and local assessments, and how to monitor a child's progress through:

- Newsletters, the School Messenger phone messaging system, the systemwide calendar, report cards, workshops, the Parentmobile, and the Office of Family and Community Engagement newsletter and website. Parent University - Division of Chief of Staff (bcps.org)
- The use of the BCPS Title I Family Engagement Plan.
- Languages that families can understand through translation and interpreting services provided by the Office of World Languages' Bilingual Resource Team.



Family and Student Learning

BCPS promotes family and student learning through:

- The use of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) liaisons.
- The identification of student academic expectations and curriculum objectives.
- BCPS-TV station
 - Verizon– Channel 34
 - Comcast– Channel 73
- The BCPS Website - www.bcps.org

Volunteering

Are you interested in volunteering? BCPS provides opportunities for families to participate in their child's education by:

- Joining organized stakeholder groups such as Parent/Teacher Associations or Organizations (PTA or PTO), area advisory councils, and the Retired Senior Volunteer (RSVP) program.

For more information, please call your child's school.

Family Partnerships

BCPS values family input in decision-making and their advocacy for their child's education through:

- Annual school-level meetings held with family representatives to review, provide feedback, evaluate, and make revisions regarding system and school-level parent involvement plans and funds.
- Providing feedback on how school staff can better reach out to and communicate with families as equal partners.
- Regularly scheduled Board of Education meetings in which citizens are encouraged to offer their input and suggestions. Leadership - Baltimore County Public Schools (bcps.org)
- Monthly advisory group meetings in which families and constituents are encouraged to offer their input and suggestions on the operating, capital budgets, and the BCPS Local Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated Strategic Plan (LECS). Community - Baltimore County Public Schools (bcps.org)
- Annual meetings for families to evaluate the content and effectiveness of the BCPS and Title I Systemwide Family Engagement Plan.

Family Resource Centers

BCPS has two regional Resource Centers for Title I Schools and families which provide free assistance to parents in locating and identifying educational resources within the system and their community.

BCPS expectations for meaningful parent and family involvement:

Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) promotes meaningful partnerships among schools, families, caregivers, and community members. Effective partnerships foster and enhance student achievement through family, business, and community engagement.

Northwest

Campfield Early Childhood Center
6834 Alter Street
Baltimore, MD 21207
443-809-1269

Northeast

Middlesex Elementary School
142 Bennett Road
Baltimore, MD 21221
443-809-0321

The BCPS Title I Family Engagement Plan is jointly developed with the Office of FACE, families, caregivers, and community members and is distributed through schools, the Parentmobile, and available on the BCPS website - www.bcps.org.

If you have any additional questions about how Baltimore County Public Schools Office of Title I support parental involvement initiatives, please contact the Office of Title I.