

Bowdon Middle School

A Title I Greatest Gains School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan



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Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success 2024-2025 School Year

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What is Title I?

Bowdon Middle School 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. With parents and faculty members, all Title I schools develop a written parent and family engagement policy to support these efforts. strategies to support family engagement. With parents and faculty members, all Title I schools develop a written parent and family engagement policy to support these efforts.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Bowdon Middle will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. BMS 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 BMS 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?

Bowdon Middle School invited all parents to attend our annual Title I Draft Development Meeting. This meeting was held in-person on the afternoon of May 23, 2024.

In this meeting, drafts of the building staff capacity, School-Parent Compact, the 1% Parenting budget, and the Parent and Family Engagement Plan were reviewed, and input was taken on the plans and the budget. An additional in office review was offered August 26-27, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. BMS also distributes an annual survey to ask parents for suggestions on how to best utilize funds and services. Any unresolved complaints will be submitted to Heather Duke at CCS.

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. Bowdon Middle 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 Parent and Family Engagement Plan will be shared at the Annual Title I Meeting and also posted on the school website, Facebook, and Twitter. Copies will also be available in the Parenting Center. Parents may schedule an appointment, at any time, to meet with the Title I Family Engagement Coordinator. Parents may also participate in School Council Meetings, and Student Led Conferences (Fall 2024 and Spring 2025). Parents are encouraged to make suggestions related to the education of their children. Any issues or concerns related to the School-wide Plan can be shared via email, written request, or verbally at the school. Complaint procedures can also be found on the school website. Georgia curriculum can be found on the state website @georgiastandards.org.

2024-2025 District Goals

Increase the percentage of students reading at or above grade level, grades 6-8, by three percent as measured by the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment.

The percentage of students scoring at proficient or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) Mathematics End of Grade Assessment

2024-2025 School Goals

BMS will increase by three percent the number of students scoring at or above proficiency in English Language Arts, Mathematics, 8th grade Science and Social Studies, and writing subcategories (Level 3 or 4 indicates proficiency). BMS will utilize GMAS Lexile and achievement level indicators to determine proficiency.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of our commitment to students and families, Bowdon Middle School and our stakeholders developed a school-parent compact, which is a partnership between parents, teachers, and students to help students achieve the GMAS standards. The compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from teachers, students, and parents during our Title I meeting in May. These documents are signed by parents and students and utilized as a reminder of the shared responsibility.

Let's Get Together!

Bowdon Middle school 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 – August 30, 2024 – 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Annual Title I Meeting – September 17, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements.

6th Grade Math Night – September 17, 2024 – 4:30pm & 5:30pm

Parents are invited to attend an informational session on the 6th grade Math classroom and curriculum.

Student – Led Conferences – Fall 2024

Parents are invited to join students as they present their S.M.A.R.T. goals, progress, and STAR test results as well as set academic and behavioral goals for the year. STAR test results are incorporated in a chart for parents to visualize students' progress. The previous year's GMAS scores, proficiency levels and growth will also be shared.

High School Readiness Night – October 08, 2024 – 6:00pm

Parents are invited to attend an overview of the high school curriculum and pathways.

Student – Led Conferences – Spring 2025

Parents are invited to join students as they present their S.M.A.R.T. goals, progress, and STAR test results as well as set academic and behavioral goals for the year. STAR test results are incorporated in a chart for parents to visualize students' progress. Printed GaDOE packets are given out to direct students/parents to Georgia Milestones study guide as well as Q & A for parents on understanding your child's performance results.

Middle School Readiness Night – Spring 2025

Upcoming 6th graders and their parents visit BMS to learn about expectations, schedules, requirements, and opportunities available in middle school.

*additional translations and times are available as necessary by contacting the school office. Meetings will be offered online when feasible.



Parent Resource Center

Come and visit the Parent Resource Center to find valuable resources to support student learning. Computers are also available for parents to explore Parent Portal and other online tools.

Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 4:00

Parent and Family Engagement

Bowdon Middle 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.

Bowdon Middle school is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Bowdon Middle is Branching Out!

Bowdon Middle 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 posted on the school website, and included in school newsletters for all families (Other languages provided as needed.)
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ 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 on the school website, social media and in school newsletters 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 (Spanish information provided as needed.)
- ✓ 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 School Council 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 Title I events in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Bowdon Middle 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:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

School Council

Bowdon Middle meets a minimum of three times a year with the School Council. This team is made up of parent representatives, the principal, assistant principal, teachers, and business/community members. The goal of this team is to make better decisions for the benefit of our students at BMS. If you are interested in serving as a parent representative, please fill out the form to the right and return it to Mrs. McEntyre in Student Services.



School Council

- Yes, I am interested and wish to serve on the School Council.
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the School Council.
- Please send me notifications about future 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 policy 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 Student Services:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

