

# **Bowdon Middle School**

*A Title I Greatest Gains School*

Parent and Family Engagement Plan



2021-2022

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## ***Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success***

### ***2021-2022 School Year***

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## **What is Title I?**

Bowdon 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 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 June 29, 2021.

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 on-line review was offered August 23-25, 2021 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 Herring 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 2021 and Spring 2022). 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.

### *2021-2022 District Goals*

The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts and Mathematics End of Grade Assessment will increase by three percentage points.

### *2021-2022 School Goals*

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

**6-8 grade ELA focus:** Read and analyze informational text with an emphasis on vocabulary.

**6-8 Writing focus:** Write in all content areas with a focus on extended writing ideas.

**6-8 Math focus:** Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving area, surface area, volume, and integers.

### **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 an agreement between parents, teachers, and students to make sure everyone knows his/her role in providing a premier education. The compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from teachers, students, and parents during our

Title I meeting in June. 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 – July 23-27, 2021 – 4:00-6:00 p.m.*

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

### *Annual Title I Meeting – September 14, 2021 @ 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.

### *Student – Led Conferences – Fall 2021*

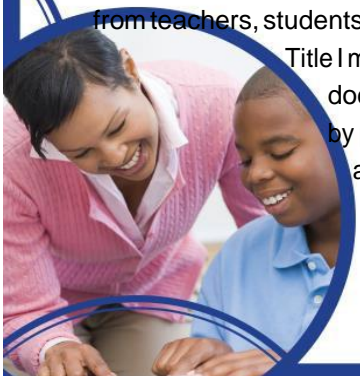
Parents are invited to join students as they present their S.M.A.R.T. goals, progress, and STAR test results as well as set academic and behavioral goals for the year.

### *Student – Led Conferences – Spring 2022*

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.

### *Middle School Readiness Night – May 2022*

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



## 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 (Spanish information 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 all events, place input card around the building and a post 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

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

## Parent Involvement Team

Bowdon Middle meets a minimum of three times a year with the Parent Involvement Team. This team is made up of two parent representatives, the principal, assistant principal, two teachers, and one business/community member. 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 school council representative, please fill out the form to the right and return it to Mrs. McEntyre in Student Services.



## Parent Involvement Team

- 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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