



Bessemer City Schools

2021 – 2022 BCS Parent and Family Engagement Plan

The mission of Bessemer Schools is to produce informed, responsible, productive citizens who will be lifelong learners and successful contributors to society. We will accomplish this mission in cooperation with parents and the community, by providing a dedicated staff, a diverse and challenging curriculum, within a clean, safe, and caring environment. We help strengthen our district's mission by providing relevant parent and family engagement activities. BCS Parent and Family Engagement are committed to building the capacity of parents and families to help our schools reach the district and students' academic goals.

Building Capacity

Communication. Bessemer City School System will promote regular, two-way, meaningful communication between home and school in the parent's primary language, if possible. Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in their primary language. Additionally, parents and community members who share the family's primary language may be utilized to better communicate and respond. Translations services in written, oral, and technology formats will be utilized for our students and their families

Strategies. The strategies we will use to support successful school and family engagement.

- Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

- Parent Workshops/Meetings

- Parent Assessments/ Evaluation

- Parent Engagement Work Session

- PTA/PTO meetings

- Parent Conferences

- Provide copies of Parents' Right-to-know and the Title I District Parent and Family Engagement Policy

- Home-School Compact (electronic- apart of enrollment)

- As part of each school's Continuous Improvement Plan share the results of parent assessments that have been documented and analyzed.

- Provide translated letters, documents, and resource materials.

- Parent nights/Literacy nights.

- Parent Resource Center (BCSS-Quitman Mitchell Parent Resource Center) is located off-campus.

- School-based Family Engagement Program

Resources. LEA may provide necessary training.

Coordinating necessary literacy training to help parents to work with their children to improve academic achievement.

Providing parent resource centers to make parenting videos, books, technology, and literature available to parents.

Educating parents about community-based agencies and organizations where additional assistance may be obtained.

Supplying materials and training to help parents interact with their children at home.

Will provide parents with various opportunities to learn about child development and child-rearing through the provision of in-service programs and the distribution of various materials. These programs will assist parents in understanding the physical, intellectual, and emotional needs of their child, beginning at birth.

Various resources in the community will be utilized to assist the child's success in school.

Promote family literacy and parenting skills through parent resources provided at individual schools.

Promote family literacy through the coordination of community businesses and schools.

Parent Engagement Coordinator provides parent training on technology and the harms of copyright piracy, staying safe on social media, and online bullying to foster parental engagement.

Local schools have a parent involvement committee responsible for planning additional activities at their schools.

Coordinating necessary literacy training and using technology from other sources to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement.

Parent Literacy Nights (Reading, Math, Science, STEM)

Chromebook Parent Meetings (digital citizenship with social media, privacy, copyright policy,).

Informational Pamphlets

Increasing student and parent links on the website

Community Partners. Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent engagement activities. We will include others by providing information about opportunities for organizations and businesses to work with parents and schools, and encouraging the formation of partnerships between elementary, middle, and high schools and local businesses that include a role for parents. Bessemer City School works as partners with The Clay House, the Bessemer Housing Authority, the Bessemer Public Library, and the Bessemer Police Department to speak with parents about services offered and partnering to bring in a variety of opportunities (i.e.: Parent and Teen Summit, Math in the City and Literacy Nights). We also collaborate with the

Bessemer Public Library to provide cards, information, and training to parents and their families. Bessemer City Schools will continue to work to provide a full stock Parent Resource Center.