Supporting the Parent-School Partnership

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

- Providing presentations to school staff on topics such as: Effective Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences; Communicating with Parents — Challenges and Solutions; Establishing a Welcoming Environment; and Understanding Demographics.
- Offering early literacy and adult literacy opportunities to families through the ABC (http://www.bcps.org/offices/early_childhood/abc.html), HIPPY (http://www.bcps.org/offices/alted/hippy.html), and Even Start (http://www.bcps.org/offices/alted/even_start/) programs and by partnering with Baltimore County Public Libraries, Baltimore County Recreation and Parks, and other community organizations.
- Utilizing two Resource Centers for Families and Schools which assist school staff with developing parent materials to support learning at home and to design custom programs to address individual needs.
- Surveying parents to collect input on how school staff can better reach out to and communicate with parents as equal partners.
- Coordinating with the Office of Cultural Diversity to address the varied needs of school communities.
- Facilitating Title I Family Involvement fairs for administrators and parent liaisons in Title I schools.

National and State Parent Involvement Initiatives

United States Department of Education
Empowering Parents School Box
http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/schoolbox/index.html

Baltimore County Public Schools
Parent Support Services
http://www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/pss.html

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Title I District Level Parent Involvement Plan

Baltimore County Public Schools
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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 Feedback Form and return to your school or the Office of Title I.
**Parent Communication**

BCPS communicates information to parents:
- Through newsletters, the Connect Ed phone messaging system, the systemwide calendar, report cards, workshops, the Parentmobile, and the Parent Support Services website.
- About reading and mathematical standards and schools’ performance on the Maryland School Assessment (MSA).
- About Title I requirements through the use of school-level Parent Involvement Plans and School-Parent Compacts.
- In languages that parents can understand through translation and interpreting services provided by the Office of World Languages’ Bilingual Resource Team.
- More information about parental support can be found at the website below: [http://www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/pss.html](http://www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/pss.html)

**Parent and Student Learning**

BCPS promotes parent and student learning through:
- The use of Parent-Teacher Liaisons.
- The identification of student academic expectations and curriculum objectives as described in the Common Core Objectives [http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/programs/ccss/](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/programs/ccss/)
- The BCPS Education Channel 73 programming. The schedule is available at the following web site: [http://www.bcps.org/apps/edchannel_schedule/](http://www.bcps.org/apps/edchannel_schedule/)

**Volunteering**

Are you interested in volunteering? BCPS provides opportunities for parents to participate in their child’s education by:
- Participating in school improvement teams, parent involvement committees, academic tutoring, curriculum support initiatives, and career awareness activities.
- Joining organized stakeholder groups such as Parent/Teacher Associations or Organizations (PTA or PTO), area advisory councils, and the Baltimore County Volunteer (BCV) Kindergarten Classroom Volunteer Initiative.
- Becoming a classroom helper and providing clerical, front office, library, and/or cafeteria support at their child’s school.

*For more information, please call your child’s school!*

**Parent Partnerships**

BCPS values parents’ input in decision-making and their advocacy for their child’s education through:
- Annual school-level meetings held with parent representatives to review, provide feedback, evaluate, and make revisions regarding district and school-level parent involvement plans and funds.
- Regularly scheduled Board of Education meetings in which citizens are encouraged to offer their input and suggestions.
- Bi-annual advisory council meetings in which parents and constituents are encouraged to give suggestions on the operating and capital budgets.
- Annual meetings for parents to review the Parent/Guardian and Family Involvement Policy and Rule 1270.

**Family Resource Centers**

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

**Northwest**
Campfield Early Childhood Center
6834 Alter Street
Baltimore, MD 21207
410-887-1269

**Northeast**
Middlesex Elementary School
142 Bennett Road
Baltimore, MD 21221
410-887-0321

*More information about the Resource Centers for Families and Schools can be found at the following website: [http://www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/resource_ctrs.html](http://www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/resource_ctrs.html)*

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

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  410-887-3487
- Michele Stansbury
  mstansbury@bcps.org
  410-887-3487
Title I District Level Parent Involvement Plan
Feedback Form

Parent comments/suggestions on plan:
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Parent suggestions on how we can better reach out to and communicate with parents as equal partners:
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Are you interested in joining the Title I Family Engagement Panel.
☐ Yes        ☐ No
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