

Baltimore County Public Schools believes a community-wide effort is required to create, sustain and invest in a culture of deliberate excellence that prepares all students to be globally-competitive upon graduation. Parents, families and community stakeholders build partnerships that are critical to increasing achievement for all students and supporting BCPS in reaching this goal.

The BCPS Office of Family & Community Engagement was created to provide assistance to families, schools and community organizations in promoting student achievement.

The Office of Family & Community Engagement:

- Develops and disseminates materials to support and promote parental involvement.
- Provides learning opportunities and resources to support families who guide the learning of their children and as learners who want to acquire skills to assist their children better.
- Coordinates the BCPS volunteer program.
- Coordinates Service-Learning.
- Organizes workshops, events, and professional growth opportunities for school staff.
- Provides opportunities for student leadership through student councils.

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**View the Parent University show on BCPS-TV,  
Baltimore County Public School's own award-  
winning cable channel. You can watch on  
Comcast Channel 73 or Verizon Channel 34.**

# Office of Family and Community Engagement



*Building a sustainable culture of  
parental and family engagement to  
support academic achievement for  
all students.*

## Parent University

The Parent University provides centralized access to resources that educate and empower families to prepare their children to become globally competitive graduates. Located on the Baltimore County Public Schools Web site under the “Parents” tab.

Information is available about the following topics/resources:

- Academics
- Birth Through Prekindergarten (2016)
- Educational Workshops
- Health and Wellness
- Personal Growth
- Parent University on BCPS–TV

<http://www.bcps.org/parents>

## Student Leadership

The Baltimore County Student Councils (BSCS) is a student-led organization that supports school administrators, the Board of Education, and the Maryland Association of Student Councils by providing input and feedback on issues that affect all students.

<http://www.bcps.org/student/bcsc/>

## Parentmobile



This award-winning vehicle serves as an educational resource center that travels to schools, community events, and businesses. On the Parentmobile, a BCPS representative assists parents and community members in accessing information about Baltimore County Public Schools in order to support learning at home.

### While on the Parentmobile, visitors can...

- Learn about BCPS curricula
- Select resources to assist with learning at home.
- Visit the BCPS website.
- Learn about community resources that support education.
- Learn about resources that support families of a student with special needs or limited English proficiency.

Find out how to reserve the Parentmobile and view our event schedule by visiting the Parentmobile website.

<http://www.bcps.org/parents/parentmobile>

## BCPS Volunteer Program

Our schools depend on volunteers and value their contributions to enhance the programs and services provided for students. Volunteers are important members of Team BCPS and help our professional staff sustain effective learning environments, enrich the education and experiences of student and build critical partnerships to increase achievement for all students.

Volunteers are essential to the educational process as they bring their knowledge and skills into our schools and strengthen classroom instruction. Volunteers are placed by schools and offices according to identified needs and perform tasks that support our established goals.

To learn more about the volunteer program or become a school volunteer, please visit us online.

[www.bcps.org/community/volunteer\\_info](http://www.bcps.org/community/volunteer_info)

## Service-Learning

Service-Learning is a teaching method that combines meaningful service to the community with curriculum-based learning.

[http://cos.bcps.org/departments/communications/family\\_and\\_community\\_engagement/student\\_service\\_learning](http://cos.bcps.org/departments/communications/family_and_community_engagement/student_service_learning)