

Baker Middle School

Parental Involvement Policy

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What is Title I?

Baker Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written Parental Involvement Policy.

Baker Middle School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

The Parental Involvement Policy describes how Baker Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Baker Middle School values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parental Involvement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

How is it developed?

Baker Middle School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the Parental Involvement Policy. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The Parental Involvement Policy is available for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. Baker Middle School also distributes a Title I Annual Survey to ask parents for suggestions on the Parental Involvement Policy and the use of funds for parent involvement.

Who is it for?

All parents at Baker Middle School are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the Parental Involvement Policy. Baker Middle School will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with Limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the Parental Involvement Plan is included in the student handbook given out to all students. As a reminder, Baker Middle School will send another copy to parents prior to the Title I Annual Open House. Parents can also receive a copy of the Parental Involvement Policy in the Parent Resource Room/Area, the Main office of the school and on the school's website.

District Goals

- By 2015, all schools will meet or exceed the state average in reading on the Georgia Milestones Assessment Systems
- By 2015, all schools will meet or exceed state average in math on the Georgia Milestones Assessment System.

School Goals

The percentage of students in grades 6-8 scoring proficient or higher in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math will meet or exceed state average as measured on the Georgia Milestones Assessment Systems.

What is a School-Parent Compact?

As part of the Parental Involvement Policy, Baker Middle School and our families will develop a School-Parent Compact. A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The School-Parent Compacts are kept in the Parent Resource Are/Room. Copies are also available in the Main office if parents need another copy.

Parent Involvement Program and Activities at Baker Middle School

Annual Title I Parent Meeting (August/September):

Evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program including: School Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compact, parents' requirements.

Open House

Come meet your child's teacher and school staff.

ESOL Parent Orientation (August/September)

The parents of our ESOL students learn helpful information to prepare for the school year.

Hispanic Heritage Festival: Tour of Countries and Curriculum (September/October)

Learn helpful information of Hispanic culture and Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS)

Parent's Toolbox (October)

Catch up with the latest technology (Infinite Parent Portal) and resources to help support student learning

Poppin' for Progress (after each grading period)

Scheduled updates on your child's progress

Christmas Celebration: A Season of Giving & Learning

We invite you to sample a little bite from the different areas of your child's academics

Parent Math Night: (January)

Learn how to make math fun at home

SPED Parent Engagement Workshop (Curriculum/SPED)-(February)

Learn about Special Education and other academic resources

GMAS Drive-Thru (Curriculum) (March)

Share Georgia Milestones Assessment System information with parents to help students review during Spring Break

Parent Literacy Night (April)

Learn how to make reading fun at home

Parent-Teacher Conferences (All year long, as necessary)

Updates on your child's progress; parents and teachers may request conferences

Middle School Orientation: Transitioning from Elementary to Middle School (April/May)

Transitioning to High School Parent Workshop (April/May)

What is Parental Involvement?

Baker Middle School believes that parental Involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student achievement.

Baker Middle School believes:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and included in the decision-making of their child's education

Assistance to Parents

Effective parental involvement will not be an occasional event, such as a parent conference; rather it will be an on-going process. Baker Middle School is committed to helping our parents by maintain a Parent Resource Area/Room for parents to check out materials to use at home with their child. Please contact Pamela Seldon, Family Services, Coordinator, if you need assistance.

School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

Baker Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents in the following ways:

- Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities are published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school's website, included in monthly newsletters, and posted on school's marquee
- Conduct staff development twice a year on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents
- Partner with Girls Inc., the South Columbus Boys and girls Club, and Frank Chester Recreation Center to share information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for middle school.
- Share information in English and Spanish in the school's newsletter and on the website for parents to understand the schools' academic standards and assessment as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress.
- Communicate with all families on a regular basis regarding school events, workshops and activities, such as Connect-Ed, marquee, newsletters, flyers, and website.
- Provide materials at conferences, workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home
- Create and maintain a Parent Resource Room to allow parents opportunities to check-out materials to assist them with helping their child at home.
- Listen to parents to provide workshops and training that meet the needs of the parents and support parental involvement at the school
- Collaborate with the community and Partners in Education to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- For all students who reside in residential facilities served by the Muscogee County School District parental involvement correspondence and activities information will be mailed to each facility where students reside.

Parental Involvement Standards

Baker Middle School, our parents and the Baker Middle School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnership as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

The National PTA 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 Advisory Council

Baker Middle School invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with the school, families, and community. The team will meet two times (Fall/Spring) during the school year, but parents can share ideas and suggestions during all activities, workshops and events as well as through surveys. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Advisory Council, please call the Family Services Coordinator, Melvetta Graham at 706-683-8721 or complete the form and leave it in the Main office.

Parent Advisory Council

- Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent Advisory Council
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent Advisory Council
- Yes, this sounds like a great Idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

Name _____

Child's Name and Grade _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Parent Comments

All parents at Baker Middle School are invited to give suggestions, comments, and feedback if there is any part of the Parental Involvement Policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement. Please send your comments, feedback or suggestions to Pamela Seldon, the Family Services Coordinator.

Parent Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Comments or Suggestions

