

## **Baker Middle School**

### **Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

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### **What is Title I?**

Baker Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). 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 parent and family engagement.

## **Baker Middle School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

### **What is it?**

The Parent and Family Engagement 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 Parent and Family Engagement 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 Parent and Family Engagement Policy. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The Parent and Family Engagement 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 Parent and Family Engagement 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 Parent and Family Engagement 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 Parent and Family Engagement 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. For all students that reside in residential facilities served by the Muscogee County School District, Parent and Family Engagement correspondence and activities will be mailed to each facility where students reside.

Parents can also receive a copy of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy in the Parent Resource Room/Area, the Main office of the school and on the school's website.

### **District Goals**

The Muscogee County School District will create an environment that focuses in Tier 1 instruction while targeting individual student needs, leadership development, and customer service.

### **School Goals**

**School Climate Goal:** By May 2018, 80% of the teachers will effectively teach, model, and reinforce expectations and rules as measured by the PBIS Self-Assessment Survey (SAS) and Team Implementation Checklist (TIC).

**Instructional Goal:** By May 2018, 80% of teachers will effectively implement the Gradual Release Framework to support processing content through differentiation, checks for understanding, collaboration, and questioning as measured by observational data.

### **What is a School-Parent Compact?**

**As part of the Parent and Family Engagement 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 Room. Copies are also available in the Main office if parents need another copy.**

## **Parent Involvement Program and Activities at Baker Middle School**

### ***Open House – August 2017***

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

### ***Annual Title I Parent Meeting – September 2017***

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements..

### ***Smart Goal Workshops – Fall 2017/Spring 2018***

Inform students and parents about our updated school goals to help support student learning

### ***Academic Workshop – March 2018***

Parents will learn necessary skills for student success

### ***State Assessment March 2018***

Teachers will demonstrate various "models of instruction" used in the classroom for their students.

### ***Middle to High School Transition May 2018***

Learn helpful information to prepare for high school.

### **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 maintaining a Parent Resource Area/Room for parents to check out materials to use at home with their child.

### **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, 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.

### 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 school 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 you would like to make any suggestions, please send your comments, feedback or suggestions to the school.

Parent Name\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number\_\_\_\_\_

Comments or Suggestions

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