

Baker Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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Goals for Student Achievement

District Goals:

The Muscogee County School District will implement evidence-based Tier 1 instruction, a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), leadership development, and a culture of kindness.

School Goals:

Smart Goal #1:

By May 2020, 80% of teachers will teach, model, and reinforce expectations and rules as measured by the PBIS Self-Assessment Survey (SAS), the Tiered Fidelity Instrument (TFI) and observational data.

Smart Goal #2:

By May 2020, 100% of teachers will be trained on the Gradual Release Framework and 80% of teachers will implement strategies to support processing and deepening content through guided practice, checks for understanding and differentiated instruction as measured by observational data.

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 designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parent and family engagement policy.

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 access to the English language, 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. Parents can also receive a copy of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy in the Parent Resource Room/Area, and the attendance office.

What is Parent Family Engagement?

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

Baker Middle 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
- 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 Area/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 parent involvement at the school
- Collaborate with the community and Partners in Education to increase participation and awareness of the school parent and family engagement plan and activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Activities at Baker Middle School

Title 1 Annual Parent Meeting (September 2019)

Learn about our Title I program including: Parent rights, Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and Parent and Family Engagement opportunities.

Open House (August 2019)

Meet your child's teachers, join PTA, find opportunities on how to get involved, complete surveys, and give feedback on the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact.

Academic Parent Workshops (November 2019/January 2020)

Provide parents with valuable information about academics and curriculum.

Smart Goals Workshops (November 2019/January 2020)

Provide opportunities for parents to learn about the school's SMART GOALS and how they can support the school from home.

State Assessment Workshops (March 2020)

Receive an overview of the state testing which measures how well students learn the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards while gaining knowledge on improving test scores.

Transition Workshops (May 2020)

Provide activities and information for incoming kindergartners, 5th graders going to middle school, 8th graders going to high school and 12th graders transitioning to post-secondary opportunities.

Parent and Family Engagement Activities (Throughout the school year)

Participate in various Parent and Family Engagement opportunities.

Parent Resource Room/Area

Check out and/or receive materials from the Parent Resource Room.

Assistance to Parents (Parent Liaison)

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. Please contact the school at 706-683-8721 if you need assistance.