



BALDWIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Building Excellence

**Baldwin County Board of Education Parent and Family Engagement Plan
2023-2024**

Baldwin County Public Schools has 25 schools that have been designated as Title I Schoolwide Program schools for the 2023-2024 school year. The Title I Program is a federal program that provides opportunities for children to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to meet challenging state content standards. Title I funds and resources are distributed to schools where needs are the greatest, in amounts sufficient to make a difference in the improvement of instruction. Title I coordinates services with other educational services and, to the degree possible, with health and social services programs. The plan below describes Baldwin County Public Schools commitment to build capacity and engage families in the education and well-being of their children and equip Title I Schools to succeed in reaching the district and student academic achievement goals.

Components of a Schoolwide Program

- A comprehensive needs assessment of the entire school was conducted using a variety of data.
- Schoolwide reform strategies are established to provide opportunities for all children to meet the state's performance standards.
- Instruction is conducted by properly certified staff.
- Professional development is conducted throughout the school year to support administration and teachers through evidence-based strategies in the areas of academics, social-emotional and parent/family engagement.
- Parent & Family Engagement activities are conducted to increase parent participation.
- Plans are included to provide transitional assistance from pre-school to elementary, from elementary to middle school, and from middle school to high school.
- Support services and additional academic assistance are provided to ensure students master academic standards and/or meet academic requirements on state exams.
- Evaluation of the Title I Program by administering an annual parent/family survey. This survey is conducted in the spring of each year, and the data is used to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the Title I Program, including parent/family engagement.

Parental & Family Engagement

- Parental & Family Engagement is an integral part of the Title I program. A strong connection between home and school is a key element in student success. Parents are encouraged to become partners with their child's school and become actively involved in all aspects of the process of the Title I program, from the writing of the plans to the implementation and evaluation.
- Materials, strategies, and help from teachers are available to all parents of students attending a Title I school. Additionally, opportunities for active parent participation including, but not limited to, open house, parent workshops, school-parent compacts, school-wide improvement committees, parent conferences, monthly newsletters, and more.
- The district and schools provide assistance to parents/families in understanding topics such as the following: state academic standards, state and local assessments, Title I requirements and strategies for monitoring their child's progress (parent portal, progress reports, and report cards).
- Federal Title I Guidance requires schools to utilize a portion of their Title I funds to support parent and family engagement. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's principal with any comments or suggestions regarding the school's Parent/Family Engagement and Community Involvement Plan or how the school can improve.
- The district and schools work to remove barriers that may hinder parent/family participation in district and school activities.
- The district and schools provide options for parent interaction through face-to-face or using technology and through the use of flexible meeting schedules.
- Communication with parents/families is supported through a variety of methods (ex. phone calls, emails, automated phone/text system, school website, and district website).

Parent & Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact

- Each Title I school receives input from parents for the development of a parent and family engagement policy and a school-parent compact.
- The parent and family engagement policy explains how the school plans to work with parents to review and improve parent programs and describes how parents can participate in planning these programs.