

## Supporting the Parent-School Partnership

BCPS provides coordination, support, and technical assistance in building effective parent-school partnerships by:

- Providing presentations to school staff on topics such as: Effective Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences; Communicating with Parents — Challenges and Solutions; BCPS One Platform, and Equity and Cultural Proficiency within School Communities.
- Offering early literacy and adult literacy opportunities to families through:
  - The ABC ([http://www.bcps.org/offices/early\\_childhood/abc.html](http://www.bcps.org/offices/early_childhood/abc.html))
  - Partnering with Baltimore County Public Libraries, Baltimore County Recreation and Parks.
- Utilizing two Resource Centers for Families and Schools which assist school staff with developing parent engagement resources.
- Surveying parents to collect input on how school staff can better reach out to and communicate with parents as equal partners.
- Coordinating with the Office of Equity and Cultural Proficiency to address the varied needs of school communities.

## National and State Parent Engagement Resources

United States Department of Education  
Family and Community Engagement

<http://www.ed.gov/family-and-community-engagement>

Maryland State Department of Education  
Parent Resources


<http://marylandpublicschools.org/parents/index.html>

Baltimore County Public Schools  
Parent University

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



## Title I District Level Parent Involvement Plan

 Baltimore County Public Schools  
2015-2016



Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) endorses meaningful partnerships among schools, parents, family caregivers, and the community.

Office of Title I  
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**Please Provide Feedback**  
We value your input! Please complete the Feedback Form and return to your school or the Office of Title I. Thank you.

## Parent Communication

### **BCPS communicates information to parents:**

- Through newsletters, report cards, the Connect-Ed phone and e-mail messaging system, social media, school website, the system wide calendar, workshops, the Parentmobile, and under the 'Parents' tab on the district website—[www.bcps.org/parents](http://www.bcps.org/parents).
- About reading and mathematical standards and schools' performance on State level assessments (PARCC).
- About schools' vision for continuous improvement effort to support the achievement of every student (School Progress Plan).
- About Title I requirements through the use of school-level Parent Involvement Plans and Home-School Compacts.
- In languages that parents can understand through translation and interpreting services provided by the Office of World Languages.



## Parent and Student Learning

### **BCPS promotes parent and student learning through:**

- The use of Parent Service Coordinators.
- Consistent implementation of the Maryland State standards and efforts to inform parents of standards-related initiatives and curriculum. <http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/programs/ccss/>
- The BCPS Education Channel 73 programming. The schedule is available at the following web site: <http://www.bcps.org/bcpstv/programs/#&slider1=5>
- The BCPS One interface: <https://bcpsone.bcps.org/>

## Volunteering

### **BCPS provides opportunities for parents to volunteer and support their child's school by:**

- Participating in school progress teams, parent engagement committees, academic tutoring, curriculum support initiatives, and career awareness programs.
- Joining organized parent groups such as PTA or PTO, area advisory councils, and the Baltimore County Volunteer (BCV) Kindergarten Classroom Volunteer Initiative.
- Becoming a classroom helper and providing clerical, front office, library, and /or cafeteria support at their child's school.

**For more information, please call your child's school!**

## Parent Partnerships

### **BCPS values parents' input in decision-making and their advocacy for their child's education through:**

- Annual school-level meetings held with parent representatives to review, provide feedback, evaluate, and make revisions regarding district and school-level parent involvement plans and funds.
- Regularly scheduled Board of Education meetings in which citizens are encouraged to offer their input and suggestions.
- Bi-annual advisory council meetings in which parents and constituents are encouraged to give suggestions on the operating and capital budgets.
- Annual meetings for parents to review the Parent/Guardian and Family Involvement Policy and Rule 1270.



## Family Resource Centers

BCPS has two regional Resource Centers for Families and Schools which provide free assistance to parents in locating and identifying educational resources within the district and their community.

### Northwest

Campfield Early Childhood Center  
6834 Alter Street  
Baltimore, MD 21207  
410-887-1269

### Northeast

Middlesex Elementary School  
142 Bennett Road  
Baltimore, MD 21221  
410-887-0321

**More information about the Resource Centers for Families and Schools can be found at the following web site:**

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

**If you have any additional questions about how Baltimore County Public Schools Office of Title I supports parental involvement initiatives, please contact:**

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410-887-3487



**Title I District Level Parent Involvement  
Plan  
Feedback Form**

**Parent comments/suggestions on plan:**

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**Parent suggestions on how we can better  
reach out to and communicate with parents  
as equal partners:**

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**Are you interested in joining the Title I  
Family Engagement Panel.**

**Yes**

**No**



