

Ben Hill Primary School

Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2016–2017 School Year

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What is Title I?

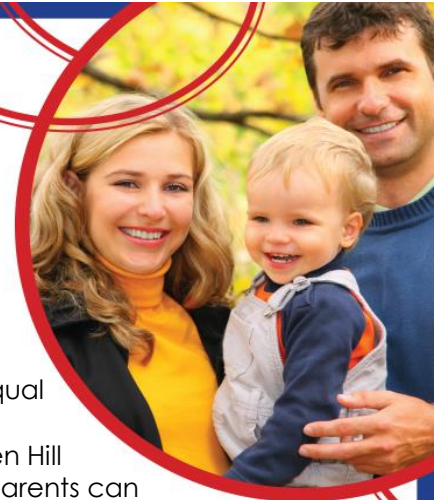
Ben Hill Primary School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must develop a written policy form.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Ben Hill Primary School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Ben Hill Primary values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Ben Hill Primary School will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.



How is it revised?

Ben Hill Primary School invites all parents to attend our annual spring meeting to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the school-wide plan, and our school-parent compact. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. The plan is posted on our school web site for parents to view. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Ben Hill Primary 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 plan is included in the student handbook that is given to all students. The plan will also be posted on the school web site. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center located at the Ben Hill County Support Center, 509 West Palm Street.

2016–17 Mission

Ben Hill County School System is committed to investing in futures by building relationships with our community, kids, and schools.

2016–17 School Goal

All students will show one year's growth in both reading and math.



School-Parent Compacts

Ben Hill Primary School and our families have developed a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level essential standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from

parents, students and teachers. The school-compact is kept in the student's permanent record. A copy can be requested at any time.



Let's Get Together!

Ben Hill Primary School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. **All events and dates are subject to change.**

Open House – August 4, 2016

Pride Program – September 30, 2016

Parent/Teacher Conferences – October 11-23, 2016

Pride Program – October 21, 2016

Cultural Arts Day – November 11, 2016

Fall Festival – November 21, 2016

Pride Program – December 6, 2016

AR Night – January 10, 2017

Scholastic Book Fair – February 27 – March 3, 2017

Book Fair Open Late with Clifford – February 28, 2017

Kindergarten Orientation – March 2, 2017

Pride Program – March 3, 2017

Reading Celebration – April 7, 2017

Donuts for Dad – April 21, 2017

Muffins for Mom – May 5, 2017

Field Days – May 16-18, 2017

PTO & School Council meetings will be scheduled throughout the school year.



Parent Resource Center

To find out more about the Parent Resource Center, contact Brenda Lunsford, Parent Engagement Coordinator @

brenda.lunsford@benhillschools.org
(229) 409-5500

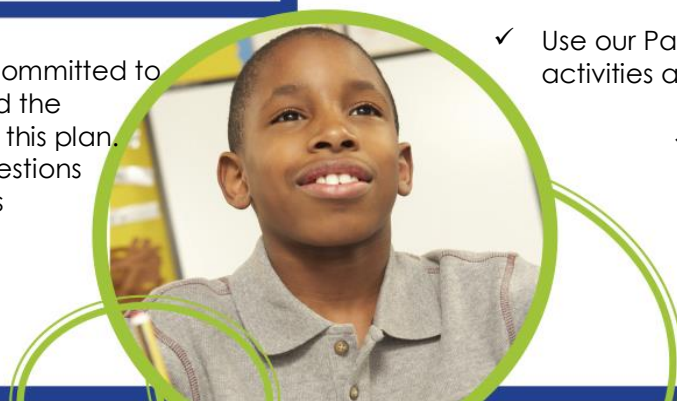
Parental Involvement

Ben Hill Primary School believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Ben Hill Primary School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call if you have questions about any of the activities provided.

(229)409-5592



Ben Hill Primary is Reaching Out!

Ben Hill Primary School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school web site.
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff as needed on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and PreK programs by conducting an orientation meeting for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish in the teacher newsletters for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.



Parent/Teacher Organization

We believe that every school is unique and has individual needs and goals. We help schools succeed by providing resources and tools.



School and Community

Ben Hill Primary School invites all parents to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. If you would like to learn more about how to become involved, please contact the principal at (229) 409-5592 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



Volunteering

- Yes, I am interested in volunteering at Ben Hill Primary School
- Please contact me so I can learn more about how to volunteer
- Please send me notifications about meetings and updates

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

Comment: _____