

**Bainbridge Middle School  
School Level Parental Involvement Policy**

**Bainbridge Middle School Parent  
Involvement Plan  
2013-2014 School Year**



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**What is Title I?**

Bainbridge Middle 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 jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy. BMS is also designated as a Focus school and offers a Flexible Learning Program to eligible students which focuses on the area of Math.

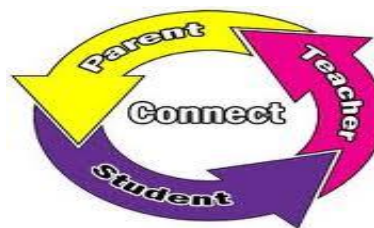
**School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

**What is it?** This is a plan that describes how Bainbridge Middle will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Bainbridge Middle values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Bainbridge Middle 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 developed?** Bainbridge Middle School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. Parents can also give feedback to revise the plan for the upcoming school year during our annual Title-1 meeting as well as the summer School-Wide Team meeting.

**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. Bainbridge Middle School will provide full opportunity 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 sent home with each student. The plan is also made available on the Bainbridge Middle School website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the BMS Parent Resource Room at any time.



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**Bainbridge Middle School Non-Negotiables**

- **Effectively implement Co-Teaching Model**
- **Increase Student Engagement**
- **Implement Research Based Strategies in daily instruction.**
- **Increase rigor and depth of knowledge**
- **Increase monitoring of instructional practices**

**School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Bainbridge Middle School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the School Wide Plan meeting. The school-parent compacts are sent home with all students on the first day of school and a copy is posted on the school website.

**Parent Involvement Opportunities**

Bainbridge Middle 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:

Annual Back to School Open House, August 1, 2013 at 1:00-3:00 P.M.

Open House/Title 1 Meeting – August 12, 2013 – 5:30 – 7:30 PM

- ✓ Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year. Learn about our Title-1 program including our parent involvement policy, the BMS schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compacts.

Parent Involvement / PTO Meetings:

- ✓ Learn helpful information that will ensure student growth. Watch the JWE newsletter for meeting dates and times scheduled by the JWE PTO.

Bearcat Connection Committee – 4 times a year

- ✓ Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review school plans.

- ✓ BMS Parent Website Training, August 20, 2013 9A.M. and 6 P.M.
- ✓ 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC before/after school begins August 26, 2013 at 7:00-8:00 A.M. and 3:30-5:30 P.M.
- ✓ 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Kickoff, August 29, 2013 in coliseum at 6:00 P.M.
- ✓ Math in Motion, September 17, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.
- ✓ Homecoming at Centennial Field, October 17, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.
- ✓ 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Lights on Afterschool, October 17, 2013, at 6:00 P.M.
- ✓ Rocking and Writing, October 29, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.
- ✓ Wax Museum-November 21, 2013-at 6:00m P.M.

**Parent Workshops provided by the system will be announced. Look for more important dates and upcoming events on website and newsletters**

## **Bainbridge Middle School School Level Parental Involvement Policy**

### **Parental Involvement**

Bainbridge Middle School believes that parent 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 encouraged to become Decatur County trained volunteers;
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making to assist in the education of their child;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

### **COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT**

Bainbridge Middle School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance in order to participate in our programs.

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### **Bainbridge Middle School Pledge to Parents**

Bainbridge Middle 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 website and included in the weekly school newsletters for all parents.
- ✓ Share information using the school and grade level 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 schoolwide events and activities, such as phone messages, the school website, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our county parent involvement coordinator to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Offer an on-site parent resource room stocked with instructional resources, the school's Title-1 School-wide Plan, Parent Involvement Plan, internet access, parent brochures, and materials used to make manipulatives. The resource room is available to parents any time during the school day.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

### Parent Involvement Standards

Bainbridge Middle School and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These 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

### Bearcat Connection Team

Bainbridge Middle School invites all parents to join the Bearcat Connection Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Bearcat Connection Team, please contact the principal at (229) 248-2206 or by email at [jwooden@dcboe.com](mailto:jwooden@dcboe.com).

### Communication About Student Learning

- **BMS website for upcoming events**
- **BMS Team newsletter – every 9 weeks**
- **BMS Newsletter – quarterly**
- **Progress reports – every 4 ½ weeks**
- **Professional development for parents and students : BMS website/technology night, Math in Motion night, Rockin' and Writin' night, and Wax Museum (first semester)**
- **Further updates can be found on websites as necessary**

### Decatur County Schools Beliefs for Student Achievement

**Vision:** Excellence, Engagement, and Accountability...for All!

**Mission:** To empower all student to engage and succeed in a global society by providing rigorous and equitable opportunities, nurturing environments, sustained partnerships, college and career readiness and character development.

#### Non-Negotiables for Teaching and Learning:

- Improve effectiveness of Co-Teaching
- Increase student engagement
- Increase use of standards-based instructional practices
- Increase rigor and depth of knowledge
- Increase consistency in implementation and monitoring of attendance protocol