

Bright Star Elementary School  
Parent and Family Engagement Plan  
for Shared Student Success

2017-2018



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### What is Title I?

Bright Star Elementary is identified as a Title I School, as defined by Every Child Succeeds Act of 2017 (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective methods of improving student achievement. They must also include strategies to support parental engagement. All schools that receive Title I, Part A funds must jointly develop with all parents a written parent engagement policy.

## School Policy for Shared Student Achievement

**What is it?** This Parent Involvement Policy describes how Bright Star Elementary (BSES) will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. BSES 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 numerous ways BSES will support parent engagement and how families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

**How is it developed?** The Parent Involvement Policy was developed as a collaborative effort between staff members, parents, community members and students. BSES welcomes input and comments at any time regarding the Parent Involvement Plan. Suggestions, comments and concerns can be shared during Parent Advisory Council meetings. To collect written feedback, comment sheets are located in the Parent Resource center and are also distributed at each parent workshop. An annual on-line survey is also used to gather suggestions and input regarding the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. These comments are shared with school leaders and used to revise the plan for the upcoming school year.

**Who is it for?** All Bright Star students, their families, and community members are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. BSES will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

**Where is it available?** Bright Star's Parent Involvement Policy and Douglas County's Parent Involvement Policy are distributed to each student at the beginning of each school year. The plan is also accessible in various formats throughout the year. Copies of the plan can be found in our Parent Resource Center (located in the Media Center) and is posted on our school website. In addition to the Parent involvement Plans, the School-Parent Compact is given to all students.



## 2017-2018 District Goal

The percentage of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts End of Grade Assessments will increase by five percentage points.

## 2017-2018 School Goal

Based upon the data from 2016-2017, the following goals have been set for the students at Bright Star:

The percentage of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the GMAS in English Language Arts and Mathematics will increase by five percentage points.

The focus for reading is:

- K-1 Sight Words
- 1-5 Reading Fluency & Reading Lexiles

The focus for mathematics is:

- K-5 Basic facts fluency
- 3-5 Multistep word problems



## School-Parent Compacts

As part of the Parent Involvement Plan, BSES staff members and our families developed a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students created that explains how parents and teachers work together to ensure all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, and teachers during the Parent Workshops and Parent Advisory Council Meetings. Copies of the school-parent compacts are kept in the Parent Resource Center and available on the school's web site.



## Let's Shine Like a Star Together!

Bright Star will host the following activities to build the capacity for strong family involvement.

### **Sneak-A-Peek** – August 3, 2017

Families will have an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and visit the school.

### **Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings** - August 21, 2017 December 2 & 4, 2017 April 27, 2018

The PAC meets to share ideas, build partnerships with the school, other families, and the community.

### **Annual Title I Meeting** – September 7, 2017 at 8:30 am (*Session will be repeated at 5:00 pm*)

This is a required annual meeting in which parents are given information about Title I and all the services and activities that will be provided.

### **Building Fluent Readers** – September 8, 2017

Parents will be provided strategies that they can implement at home to increase their children's reading fluency and comprehension.

### **Open House/Grade Level Informational Meeting**– September 12, 2017

Families are invited to meet their child's teacher, learn more about the curriculum expectations, and our new school wide behavior plan.

### **Number Sense November** – November 16, 2017

Parents will be invited to eat lunch with their children. Grade levels will determine the time that they would like to conduct the math make and take workshops with parents. Parents will learn about the importance of Number Sense and strategies that can be implemented at home to ensure that each student is successful in the area of math.

### **Diving into Data** – December 13, 2017

Parents will be provided information about the data that is collected for the students at Bright Star. Parents will be given tools and resources to help them better understand the purpose of CCRPI and ways that they can help Bright Star continue to improve each year.

### **Tackling Testing** – February 15, 2018

Parent will be invited to learn information about the spring assessments that their child/children will be administered. They will learn the benefits of this assessment, and what they, the parents, can expect and do to help their child prepare for the assessment.

### **Suessical Reading** – March 2, 2018

Parent will be invited to learn information to a day filled with make and takes for strategies to improve reading.

### **Title I Mini Expo** – March 17, 2018

Parent will be invited to learn information to a mini expo to learn about what Title I has to offer. Parents will be provided tips to enrich their child's academics in Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

### **A "Steam"ing Day of Science** – May 4, 2018

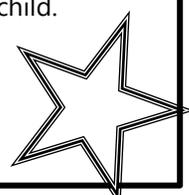
Parents will learn how to strengthen existing reading and writing skills of their child.



## Parent and Family Engagement

At Bright Star, we believe that increased parent and family engagement positively impacts student achievement. Our desire is to increase communication, offer meaningful workshops, conduct informational meetings, and provide individual conference opportunities.

This Parent and Family Engagement Plan confirms:

- 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.
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BSES is committed to helping our parents attend the family engagement activities listed in this plan. In doing so, there may be resources for those needing assistance to participate. Please contact our Instructional Lead Teacher, Tenia Boone, if you have any questions or need assistance.



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## Bright Star is the BRIGHTEST!

BSES 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, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Conduct quarterly professional learning activities to strengthen our practices and strategies for increasing communication and building partnerships.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start programs to promote parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their children for the transition into kindergarten.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school's website and in the school newsletter to explain the school's academic standards and assessment measures. Information will also be provided to explain how parents can monitor their child's progress and work with the teacher to increase achievement.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding Title I events and activities. (Phone messages, ClassDojo, Remind, e-mail, newsletters, Facebook, and the school message board will be used.)
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at workshops, meetings, and other school 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's Parental Involvement Plan and activities.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ✓ Establish and maintain a Parent Resource Center with educational resources for parents to check out.



## Parent and Family Engagement Standards

BSES 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.

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

## Parent Advisory Council

Bright Star invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Council to share ideas for increasing parent involvement and building partnerships between our school, families, and community. The council meets three times during the school year. Parents can also submit their ideas, suggestions, and feedback throughout the year. Comment cards are provided at all workshops and located in the Parent Resource Center in the Media Center. The "Share Your Thoughts" section can be submitted at any time and an annual survey will be made available. If you would like further information about joining the Parent Advisory Council, please complete the PAC section of this form.

### Parent Advisory Council

- Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent Advisory Council
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent Advisory Council

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



### Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you! If you have any suggestions, concerns or questions concerning this Parental Involvement Plan, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the main office.

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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