

## Parent Involvement Plan for Shared Student Achievement

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**What is it?** This document is a plan that describes how **Blackshear Elementary School** will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. **BES** 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 **BES** 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?** **BES** welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding our plan to involve parents. All parent feedback will be considered for the revision of plans each year. Our plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and give input throughout the year. Parents can email suggestions to [dtreadwell@perce.k12.ga.us](mailto:dtreadwell@perce.k12.ga.us) or send the online stakeholder feedback form to the school office. Parents are invited to attend our **BES** Café meetings to give feedback about our parent involvement activities, and to review and revise the parent involvement plan, the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, the district family engagement plan, and the parent involvement budget. We also distribute an annual survey to get input and suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement.

**Who is it for?** All **BES** students and families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the plan. **BES** will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

**Where is it available?** The plan is included in the student handbook that is given to all students at the beginning of the school year. Parents can also request a copy of the plan at the front office, view a copy on the **BES** website, or retrieve a copy in the **BES** media center.

## What is Title I?

*Pierce County Schools are identified as a Title I school district 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 work together with all parents to develop a written parental involvement policy.*

## 2016-2017 District Goals

- ✓ High Academic Achievement
- ✓ Quality Teachers, Administrators, and Staff
- ✓ Supportive Learning Environment
- ✓ Effective, Efficient Operations
- ✓ Strong Parental & Community Support
- ✓ College & Career Readiness

**BES...**

***Where Excellence is the Standard!***



## School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, **BES** and our families will develop a school-parent compact. This compact is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students develop explaining how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually, based on feedback

from parents, students, and teachers during Parent Café meetings. A copy of the compact is kept with each child's teacher and reviewed with parents at parent/teacher conferences throughout the year. A copy of the compact is also posted on the school website.

**BES** welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the following: **BES** & District Parental Involvement Plans, the District Consolidated Application (CLIP), the **BES** Schoolwide Plan, the School-Parent Compact, the District Needs Assessment, and the use of the required 1% of parental involvement funds.

## Let's Get Together!

**BES** 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. Look for dates and times not listed below on BES website, Facebook page, and sent home with your child.



### **Pre-K Orientation –Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 5:30 PM**

- ✓ Learn about the Pre-K Program and meet your child's teacher.

### **Open House - Thursday, July 28, 2016**

- ✓ Tour the school, visit the classrooms, and meet your child's teachers along with our helpful, friendly, school staff.

### **New Student/Parent Tours - Offered as needed when new students enroll at BES.**

- ✓ Learn helpful information to prepare for a successful school year at BES as a new student and parent.

### **School Council Meetings**

- ✓ Attend these meetings to be informed and give input about the management and operations of our school. Meetings will be held on the following dates and times:

**Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 8:00 AM**  
**Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 7:30 AM**  
**Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 7:30 AM**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7:30 AM**  
**Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 7:30 AM**

### **Annual Title I Parent Meeting- Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 7:00 AM and 5:30 PM**

- ✓ We invite you to learn and receive information about our Title I program, our parent involvement and schoolwide plans, the school-parent compacts and parents' requirements. Invitations will be sent to all families and posted on the school website, in the school newsletter, and with the local media.

### **District ESOL/Migrant Night -Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. @ BES**

- ✓ Meet the teachers who will be providing instructional support for your child, as well as learn about various strategies being used to help your child succeed at school.

### **Mentor & Volunteer Training - Friday, September 9, 2016 at 9:00 AM**

- ✓ Receive training and pertinent information to prepare you to be an effective volunteer and/or mentor.
- ✓ Volunteers and Mentors can be trained throughout the school year by contacting the school office at (912) 449-2088.

### **Parent University Workshops**

- ✓ Join us for a delicious lunch while gaining knowledge to support your child's educational success. Workshops are open to all Pierce County families! Invitations are sent to all parents and posted on the school websites. Lunch is sponsored by our community partners. All workshops begin at **12:00 noon**.

**Date: 9/13/16**

**Location: Pierce County High**

**Topic: Graduation & Beyond**

**Date: 10/5/16**

**Location: Pierce County Middle**

**Topic: Understanding Assessments**

**Date: 11/10/16**

**Location: Blackshear Elementary**

**Topic: Math Strategies to Help your Child**

**Date: 2/1/17**

**Location: Midway Elementary**

**Topic: Technology Tips**

**Date: 3/8/17**

**Location: Patterson Elementary**

**Topic: Literacy & Reading Strategies**

### **Curriculum Round Table - Wednesday, October 12, 2016 (2:45 - 5:30 PM)**

- ✓ Spend time with your child's teacher discussing the daily schedule and learning about the various content areas of your child's instructional day.
- ✓ Teachers will host general information sessions at 2:45 PM and again at 4:00 PM, and then be available for appointments between 3:15 – 4:00 PM and 4:45 – 5:30 PM.
- ✓ Learn how to monitor your child's grades and academic progress.
- ✓ Become familiar with various assessments that will be administered during the school year (DIBELS, Georgia Milestones Assessments, State Learning Objective Assessments, etc.).

### **Celebrate Parent Engagement Month- November 2016**

- ✓ We invite parents to come to school and eat Thanksgiving lunch with their child.

### **BES Cafés**

- ✓ Our **BES** Cafés will focus on what matters. During the **BES** Cafés, we will have authentic conversations to help build relationships and discuss ways to improve students' academic achievement, and our parent involvement activities. Everyone's input, suggestions, and feedback is vital in addressing the needs and concerns of all stakeholders. Also, the **BES** Cafés will provide opportunities for you to assist in revising elements of our Title I program plans, school-parent compact, and budget. Join us for meetings at either **2:45 PM or 5:30PM** on the following dates:

**Thursday, January 12, 2017**

**Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

### **Georgia Milestones Assessment Night – Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 5:30 PM**

- ✓ Learn about this statewide assessment.
- ✓ Learn how to help your child prepare for this important assessment.

### **Kindergarten Kickoff (Transition Night) - Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 5:30 PM**

- ✓ Orientation to prepare Pre-K students and parents for kindergarten.

### **Moving to Middle School – Thursday, May 4, 2017 @ 5:30 PM**

- ✓ Orientation for next year's 6th grade parents to discuss the transition from elementary to middle school. More information will be advertised on the BES and PCMS websites, Facebook pages, and sent home with your child.
- ✓ Digital Footprint Discussion/Social Media Discussion

## Parental Involvement

**BES** believes that parent involvement is the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication. This involves student academic learning and other school activities ensuring that...

1. Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
2. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
3. Parents are 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;
4. Other activities as described in this plan are carried out.



### Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center at **BES** to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to check their student's grades on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



Check out our "**Virtual**" Pierce County Family Resource Room on Pinterest for engaging resources to support your child's learning at home! Our "**Virtual**" resource room has valuable activities for Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grades including instructional videos from Pierce County teachers! Visit it today at... [www.pinterest.com/pcresourceroom/](http://www.pinterest.com/pcresourceroom/)

### Parent Involvement Standards

**BES** 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:

- Welcoming All Families
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking Up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with Community

***BES** is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.*

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## BES Supports Our Parents!



***BES** 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 (to the extent feasible), and posted on the school website and included on the monthly school parent calendar.
- ✓ Provide staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.
- ✓ Partner with Pierce County Headstart and private preschool programs to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve transition.
- ✓ Partner with Pierce County Middle school to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for middle school and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish (to the extent feasible) on the school website and in the school newsletter 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, such as phone messages, social media, flyers and Remind.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and presentations to educate our staff and families on the importance of parental involvement. Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for their child's academic needs.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Use our BES Cafés to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at school events, place input cards by suggestion box in the main lobby and post stakeholder feedback form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.



## BES Parent Café Meetings

**BES** invites all parents to join the BES Parent Café meetings to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The meetings will occur twice 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, website, and suggestion box. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Café, please contact Dee Treadwell, Assistant Principal, at **912.449.2088** or complete the "Sign Me Up" form below.



## 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 or leave your comments in the Suggestion Box located by the main office.

Name: (optional)

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Telephone Number: (optional)

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Comments:

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## Sign Me Up!

**Please complete below and return to your child's teacher.**

- Yes, I wish to join the BES Parent Café team.
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the BES Parent Café team.
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.
- I would like to be involved in the following: (circle all that apply)
  - Mentoring a child
  - Guest Reader
  - Fall Festival
  - Music Practices and Rehearsals
  - School Clean Up Days
  - Courtyard Beautification
  - Recycling Program
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_



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

My Child(ren)'s Name(s) and Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Day Time Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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