

# Bryant Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success 2021 – 2022

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## What is Title I?

Bryant Elementary School is identified as a school with a Title I program. It is a part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards 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 parents a written parent and family engagement policy.



## School Plan for Shared Student Achievement



### What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Bryant Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Bryant Elementary 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 Bryant Elementary 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?

Bryant Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual Title I Parent Input meeting last spring to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the school improvement plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year by contacting our Parent Facilitators. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. This plan is also available in the school office and the parent resource corner. 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 online and through scholars' weekly folders to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds 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. Bryant Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children. In cases where the students reside in a Neglected and Delinquent residential facility, a representative from that facility can serve as a proxy for the parent (s).

### Where is it available?

During conference week, the plan is given to each family when they meet with their scholar's teacher. The plan is also available on the school website, in the Parent Resource Corner and in the front office Title I Binder.

### 2021 – 2022 District Goals

- 1. Increase student performance in all core content areas by 2% annually as measured by achievement data.
- 2. CCSD will increase the participation rate of families and communities engaging in services/programs by 10% as measured by CTLS Parent data, survey results & web view module
- 3. By 2023, we will reorganize the PL framework to meet the needs of all schools to ensure alignment with Superintendent Priorities as measured by PL opportunities, surveys, and student achievement.
- 4. By the end of 2025 school year every school will have identified practices and resources that support student success as measured by student academic, perception or discipline data.

### 2020-2021 School Goals

#### Goal 1 – Mathematics

- 75% of Kindergarten through Fifth grade scholars will demonstrate 150-point Quantile growth as measured by the Math Inventory from August 2021 to May 2022.

#### Goal 2 – English Language Arts

- 75% of Kindergarten through Fifth grade scholars will demonstrate 2-levels of independent reading growth as measured by the Fountas & Pinnell Text Level Gradient, and will increase their writing skills in the areas of Idea Development and Organization by 2-points total as measured by the Cobb County School District Informative/ Explanatory Grade Level Rubrics, from August 2021 to May 2022.

#### Goal 3 – Social Emotional Learning

- All Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade scholars will have access to SEL lessons and positive rewards as evidenced by scholar and staff results from an SEL Reflection Survey administered from August 2021 to May 2022.

### School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Bryant Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and scholars will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our scholars reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, scholars, and teachers. Extra copies of the school-parent compacts can be obtained from the Parent Facilitators or in the Parent Corner.

## Let’s Get Together!

Bryant Elementary 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 scholar academic achievement. All meetings for parents will be held a different times to meet all of the scheduling needs of our families.

### State of the School Meeting—August 11, 2021

We invite you to a time of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents’ requirements.

### Working Together On Wednesdays (WOW) —August 18, 2021; September 8, 2021; October 13, 2021; November 17, 2021; December 8, 2021; January 5, 2021; February 16, 2022; March 16, 2022; April 20, 2022; May 18, 2022

Come gain knowledge and receive strategies in reading, writing, mathematics, technology, and social emotional learning to help support your scholar.

### Building Capacity of School Staff Trainings – #1—September 8, 2021;

#2 – November 10, 2021; #3 – January 26, 2022 (*Parents invited*);

#4 – March 30, 2022

Come join us to give input on how to better communicate and partner with parents and families in our mutual goal of student success.

### School Improvement Forum (Fall)—During Conference Week October 19-22, 2021

You are invited to give your input on all Title I documents, events, and resources for the 2021-2022 school year.

### Family Math Night — October 28, 2021

### Family Literacy Night — December 9, 2021

### Family S.T.E.M. Night – January 27, 2022

### School Improvement Forum (Spring)—April 18-22 , 2022

You are invited to give your input on all Title I documents, events, and resources in preparation for the 2022 – 2023 school year.



# Bryant Elementary is Branching Out!



Bryant Elementary 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 are published in both English and Spanish, posted on the Web site, posted on CTLS Parent, and included in the weekly newsletter for all parents.
- Provide trainings for staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.
- Partner with local preschools to help prepare parents and their scholars for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through dial outs, email, CTLS Parent and text messages.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their scholar to improve their scholar's achievement on the Georgia Standards of Excellence.
- Use our Partners in Education and our Building Leadership Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- Offer workshops for parents to help further enhance their various needs.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

## Parent Resource Corner

Come visit the Parent Resource Room to check out books, study materials, games and activities to use at home with your scholar. Computers are also available for parents to explore our CTLS Parent, Office 365, and educational resources. The Parent Resource Room is available for use during regular school hours.

## Parental Involvement

Bryant Elementary 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 scholar's learning.
- ⇒That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their scholar's education at school.
- ⇒That parents are full partners in their scholar's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making to assist in the education of their scholar.
- ⇒The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

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

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## Parental Involvement Standards

Bryant Elementary has adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, scholars, and the community.

These standards are:

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

## Bryant's Volunteer Opportunities Are Limited at This Time

We want you here and we need you here! If you have extra time in your schedule, please volunteer your time to help assist the staff and scholars at BES. Our principal, Dr. Timeka Cline is requesting that all parents donate one hour of your time to volunteer at your scholar's school this year.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

- ⇒Read to the scholars (virtually)
- ⇒Copy Room Assistance
- ⇒Work our car rider line (AM or PM)
- ⇒Be a Room Parent (virtually)
- ⇒Help at a PTA activity
- ⇒Preparation for PBIS reward days

## 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 scholars' and the schools' goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office.

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Phone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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