

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

2022-2023



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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 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 and Family Engagement Plan 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 and Family Engagement Plan 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 and Family Engagement Plan and Douglas County's Parent and Family Engagement Plan 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 and Family Engagement Plans, the School-Parent Compact is given to all students.



2022-2023 District Goal

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

2022-2023 School Goal

Based upon the data from 2018-2019, the following goals have been set for the students at Bright Star: The percentage of students scoring at Proficient Learner or above on the GMAS in English Language Arts and Mathematics will increase by six percentage points.

The focus for English/Language Arts is:

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

The focus for Mathematics is:

- K-5 Basic facts fluency
- 3-5 Multistep word problems with clear,



School-Parent Compacts

As part of the Parent and Family Engagement 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 are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, teachers, and students during 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.



Join Us at Bright Star Where We Soar Above the Rest!

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

<u>Event Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Annual Title I Meeting	09/27/2022	8:00 am and 5:00 pm (choose the best fit for you)
PAC Meeting	08/30/2022	8:15 am
Curriculum Night	09/08/2022	5:00 pm-6:30 pm
Spooky Stories Literacy Night	10/25/2022	5:00 pm-6:30 pm
STREAM Night	11/17/2022	5:00 pm-6:30 pm
PAC Meeting	01/10/2023	3:15pm
International Wax Museum	02/16/2023	5:00 pm-6:30 pm
PAC Meeting	05/10/2023	3:15 pm

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.

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 Principal Fields, if you have any questions or need assistance.



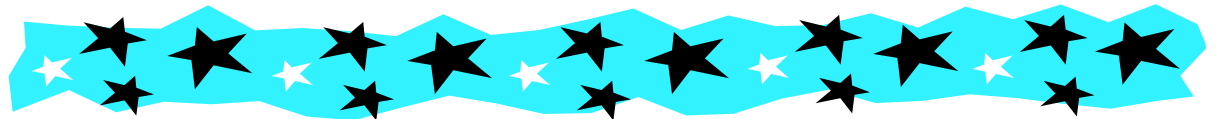
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Bright Star is the BRIGHTEST!

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, Class Dojo, 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.
- ✓ 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).



Parent Involvement 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: _____

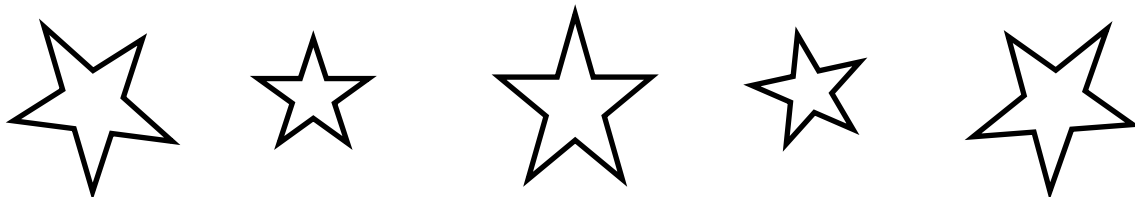
Child's Name and Grade: _____

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) _____

