

Burnett Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Shared Student Success 2023-2024



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What is Title I?

Burnett 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.

Burnett Elementary School's Shared Plan for School Success

What is it? This plan describes how Burnett Elementary will involve parents and family members of Burnett students in the support of student learning and student achievement at our school. Burnett Elementary values the contributions and involvement of its parents, and encourages their active participation to achieve student success. The plan also explains the many ways that Burnett will support parent engagement and how parents can help to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed and revised? Burnett Elementary School invited all parents to attend our Parent Input meetings to review and revise this parental engagement policy, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school Web site for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. 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 by paper to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental engagement.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to participate in the opportunities listed in this plan. Burnett Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where and when is it available? This plan is posted in the Title I section of the school website. It is also sent home with all students at the beginning of the school year along with the DCSS Parent Engagement Plan and the School-Parent Compact. Families may also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2023-2024 District Goals

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

2023-2024 School Goals

Based upon the data from 2022-2023, the following goals have been set for the students at Burnett Elementary School:

The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or Distinguished on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts End of Grade Assessments will increase by six percentage points.

The focus for reading is:

- K& 1st- Phonics and Phonemic awareness
- 1st -5th Vocabulary fluency and reading comprehension

The focus for mathematics is:

- K-5th Basic facts fluency
- K -5th Math Application

School-Parent Compacts

As a part of our plan, Burnett Elementary and our families have developed a school-parent compact for each grade level. The compacts are an agreement that explains how families and teachers will work together to make sure our students reach our school goals. Parents are required to read and sign the compact for each of their children who attend BUES. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback obtained from families, students, and teachers throughout the school year and during Parent Advisory Council meetings. The school-parent compacts will also be reviewed during parent-teacher conferences.

It's Showtime at Burnett: Let's Get into Action to Make Our Students Successful!

Burnett Elementary will host the following activities to build the capacity for strong family involvement. These activities are designed to support the partnership between school, families, and the community to promote the successful academic achievement of our students.

Sneak-A-Peek -July 31, 2023

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

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings – August 31, 2023, January 25, 2024 & May 9, 2024

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

Town Hall Meeting: Teaching, Learning & Math Standards-August 17, 2023

Families have the opportunity to meet with the teachers to learn about grade level expectations and various testing that will happen throughout the year.

Safety and Discipline- September 14, 2023

Families will have the opportunity to review the school safety plan. Administrators will also discuss historical behavior data and data to date. Parents will have the opportunity to share concerns and ask questions on school safety and discipline.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting-October 12, 2023

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

Monster Math – October 26, 2023

Families will have the opportunity to participate in math games and revisit assessments and receive information about GMAS.

Writing Expo – November 16, 2023

Families will visit their child's classroom to view the writing of their child, gain insight on how to help their child at home, and celebrate the progress that has been made. Teachers will begin preparing students for Young Author writing.

Reading Under the Stars-January 11, 2024

Families are invited to come out, read under the stars with their child, learn more about the curriculum expectations, grade level Lexile, and school-wide initiatives

STEM Night- February 8, 2024

Special Appearance by Michael Green the Science Machine. Each student will receive a take home Science kit.

Middle School Life Transition-May 15, 2024

Ready, Set, Kindergarten – Kinder Transition May 16, 2024

Sessions will be held for rising Kindergarten and 5th grade students and their families. Information will be provided from counselors and teachers on ways that parents can help prepare their child for the upcoming grade level.

Parent and Family Engagement

The faculty and staff at Burnett believes that parents and families are their children's best advocates. Parents' willingness to contact teachers on a regular basis about their children's progress is perhaps the first step to becoming involved in their children's education. Armed with good information about a child's performance, parents can proceed in both direct and indirect ways to influence the child's progress. Family members can become directly involved in children's education by:

- overseeing the child's homework time and ensuring that they are aware of upcoming assessments;
- limiting time spent with friends and watching television;
- taking advantage of opportunities to become involved with school administration and policy development;
- Celebrating the success of their child, both academically and behaviorally.

Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center (PRC) to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources. The PRC hours of operation are:

Monday, Thursday, Friday by appointment only

Please contact
Velrah Callaway at 770-651-3500.

Putting a Spotlight on Our Parents



Burnett Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support families in order to strengthen our 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.
- Conduct staff development in-services, two times per school year.
- Partner with Head Start and child-care agencies to share school information thus preparing parents and children for kindergarten and improving school transition.
- Communicate with all families on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities. The following methods will be used: flyers, emails, School Messenger, telephone calls, Remind, the school website and/or the Burnett's monthly newsletter.
- Work with parents to develop relevant trainings and to provide helpful presentations to educate staff on the importance of parental engagement.
- Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings and workshops. This will help parents to work with their children and will contribute to student achievement.
- Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental engagement plan and activities.
- Offer workshops to help further enhance parents' various education backgrounds.
- Listen and respond to parent requests for additional support for parental engagement.
- School staff will encourage parent engagement in the school and in the classrooms.
- The school and Parent Resource Center will hold parent meetings at varying times to accommodate parents' schedules.
- Provide opportunities for family members to volunteer. This information will be shared at the annual Title I meeting and at each parent workshop.
- Burnett Elementary School's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will meet at least three times during the school year. The PAC meetings provide an opportunity for all parents to participate and provide input regarding parental engagement activities at Burnett. PAC members assist with the updating and revising of the School-Parent Compact, the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and they have input into the school's Title I Budget.
- 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 and Family Engagement Standards



Burnett Elementary 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



We invite ALL parents to participate as members of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with schools, families, and the community. The team will meet three 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 PAC, please contact the Parent and Family Engagement contact, Mrs. Velrah Callaway at 770-651-3500.



Yes, I am interested in volunteering at Burnett Elementary School.

I would like to assist in the following capacity:

- Help in the Media Center
- Join the Parent Advisory Committee
- Serve as a Proctor during testing
- Help to prepare and present Staff Developments
- Help to prepare and present Parent Workshops

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____



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 students' academic goals and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Parent Resource Center.

Name (Optional): _____

Telephone Number (Optional): _____

