

Bay Springs Middle School
Parent and Family Engagement Policy and
Plan for Shared Student Success

2026-2027 School Year

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What is Title I?

Bay Springs Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family Engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Bay Springs Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Bay Springs values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Bay Springs will support family 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?

Bay Springs Middle School invited all parents to attend our Annual Schoolwide Title I Meeting as well as a Title I Parent and Stakeholder Input Meeting on August 18th, 2026 to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the 1% parental involvement budget, as well as opportunities for Building Staff Capacity. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through written feedback. The plan is posted on our school website 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 to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year. If the schoolwide plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, parents can submit comments on the plan to Heather Duke, Director of Federal Programs at Carroll County Schools. She can be reached at heather.duke@carrollcountyschools.com.

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. Bay Springs Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is available for review in the front office and online at our school website. As a reminder, we will email the plan to all parents in September after an opportunity for feedback is given to all stakeholders. The final copy of the plan will be posted on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center and our front office.



2026-2027 District Goals

- *To increase the number of students scoring Proficient or Distinguished on the ELA GMAS by three percents
- * To increase the number of students scoring Proficient or Distinguished on the Math GMAS by three percent.

2026-2027 School Goals

- *To increase Content Mastery in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies by increasing GMAS scores by 3% through SOR and Tier I instruction.

- * To increase students scoring Proficient and Distinguished in the following areas:

Math

- 6th - from 59% to 62%
- 7th from 50% to 53%
- 8th from 50% to 53%

ELA

- Still waiting on scores

Social Studies

- 8th from 54% to 57%

Science

- 8th from 30% to 33%
- 9th from 41% to 44%

School-Parent Compacts

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

Annual input meetings.

The school-parent compacts also sent home with each student and a school-parent compact agreement is signed by student and parents.

Let's Get Together!

Bay Springs will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Meetings will be scheduled during the morning and evening when possible to accommodate all family members. Meetings will be held in person and online to accommodate the needs of stakeholders. Individual meetings will be scheduled as needed

6th Grade Cat Camp/Orientation - July 28, 2026

Incoming 6th graders are invited to participate in a day full of orientation activities to help prepare them for the transition to 6th grade.

Wildcat Welcome – August 3, 2026

Join the BSMS community for a back to school event to help students prepare of the upcoming school year. Parents and students get to meet their new teachers.

Annual Title I Meeting - August 18, 2026

We invite you to learn about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and school parent compact. Invitations will be posted on the school website, social media, and via School Messenger.

Title I Parent Input Meeting - August 18, 2026

Parents are encouraged to give feedback on all Title I plans and activities.

Hispanic Heritage Night - September 29, 2026

Join us to learn about different cultures through the lens of building school partnerships and family engagement.

Parent Training - Curriculum Discussion - October 6, 2026

Discuss your child's curriculum with teachers from each grade level.

Black History Month Community Expo - February 25, 2027

Come celebrate Black History Month with a Talent Show put on by students honoring influential African Americans throughout history. Also an opportunity to meet different members of the community- highlighting their businesses.

Doughnuts and Discussion - Assessment - March 9, 2027

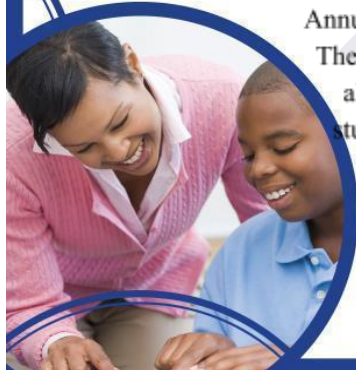
Learn about the different assessments used at BSMS and what the data means for your student.

VRHS Freshman Expo - March 16, 2027

8th grade students can go with their parent/guardian to learn about academics, arts, athletics, and activities available once they become freshman.

6th Grade Parent Orientation Meeting - March 22, 2027

Upcoming 6th Grade parents learn about the expectations for 6th graders at BSMS. Prepare yourself for the transition to 6th grade at BSMS.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out educational resources, books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Volunteer opportunities exist for parents while visiting the parent center. Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Bay Springs believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members 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 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.

Bay Springs is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs. We may have a solution for you.

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Bay Springs Middle is Branching Out!

Bay Springs Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 English and Spanish and other languages as necessary and posted on the school website.

Provide multiple trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.

Partner with Ithica, Sharp Creek, and Sand Hill Elementary Schools, Villa Rica High School, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.

Elevate Reading on grade level efforts by implementation of year 3 Science of Reading.

Continue Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) with a 70-30 approach – 70% non-fiction and 30% fiction.

Boost student vocabulary via Marzano's 6-Steps to Vocabulary Instruction.

Increase use of supplemental instructional programs to improve math performance.

Share information on the school website and social media 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, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.

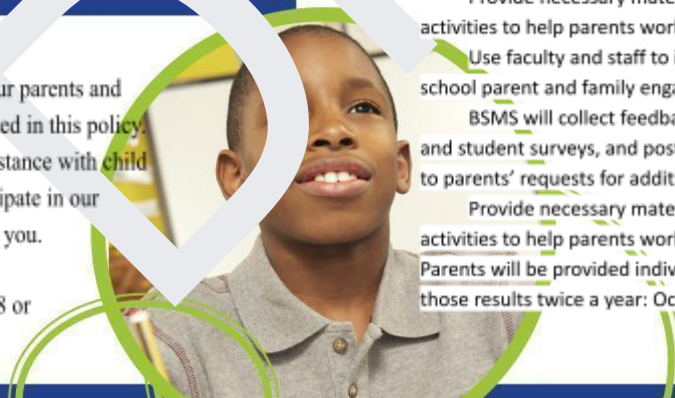
Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning. This will accommodate Building Staff Capacity Requirements.

Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.

Use faculty and staff to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.

BSMS will collect feedback from parents and family members at events, Title I parent and student surveys, and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement. Parents will be provided individual academic assessment information and interpretation of those results twice a year: October 2026 and March 2027.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Bay Springs 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

School Community Team

Bay Springs invites all parents to join a School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent survey and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact Mr. Long at (770) 459-2098 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Front Office



School Community Team

Community Team. Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School
the School Community Team. Please contact me so I can learn more in joining
meetings and updates. Please send me notifications about future

Name:

Child's Name and Grade:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address:

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy 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 and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)