

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
**A Year of Parent Involvement**

**Before School Starts**

- \_\_\_ If your child is entering a new school, register early and take your child to visit the school.
- \_\_\_ Make sure health records and vaccinations are current.
- \_\_\_ Encourage your child to complete summer reading.
- \_\_\_ Gather school supplies.
- \_\_\_ Attend any *Welcome Back* school functions.
- \_\_\_ Plan with your child an area and time for homework.
- \_\_\_ Talk with your child about the importance of education and daily attendance.

**Opening Week**

- \_\_\_ Set routines with a good night's sleep and a nutritious meal.
- \_\_\_ Discuss with your child transportation arrangements.
- \_\_\_ Fill out and return school forms; e.g., emergency cards, and lunch applications.
- \_\_\_ Discuss with your child and sign the *BCPS Student Handbook*.
- \_\_\_ Encourage a positive attitude and help your child set learning goals.
- \_\_\_ Talk with your child about a balanced schedule including school, work, and other activities.

**Early in the Year**

- \_\_\_ Review Baltimore County Public Schools' information calendar.
- \_\_\_ Attend *Back-To-School Night*.
- \_\_\_ Join the PTA; mark meeting dates on your calendar.
- \_\_\_ Sign up for volunteer opportunities.
- \_\_\_ Establish a routine of reviewing your child's homework and encouraging your child to commit to studying.

**Pre-American Education Week**

- \_\_\_ Schedule time from work to visit your child's school.
- \_\_\_ Volunteer to help during American Education Week.

**American Education Week**

- \_\_\_ Visit the school.
- \_\_\_ Observe the classroom to discuss what your child is learning.
- \_\_\_ If needed, schedule a parent/teacher/student conference.

**Interims (distributed halfway through each quarter)**

- \_\_\_ Review interim reports with your child.
- \_\_\_ Discuss learning goals, expectations, and procedures for completing school work.
- \_\_\_ If needed, schedule a parent/teacher/student conference.

**Report Cards**

- \_\_\_ Review the report card with your child.
- \_\_\_ Discuss learning goals, expectations, and procedures for completing school work.
- \_\_\_ If needed, schedule a parent/teacher/student conference.
- \_\_\_ Sign and return the report card envelope.
- \_\_\_ Check to see if your child needs more school supplies (paper, pencils, etc.).

**Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences**

- \_\_\_ Schedule a conference.
- \_\_\_ Develop an action plan with the teacher and your child.
- \_\_\_ Discuss the action plan and goals with your child.
- \_\_\_ Continue to keep in touch with the teacher, and review the action plan.
- \_\_\_ Monitor your child's progress.

**Assessments/Tests**

- \_\_\_ Be aware when tests and assessments are scheduled.
- \_\_\_ Assist your child in preparing for tests.
- \_\_\_ Ensure a good night's rest and provide a nutritious breakfast.
- \_\_\_ Encourage your child to his/her best.

**End of the Year**

- \_\_\_ Plan to attend end-of-year events.
- \_\_\_ Send notes of appreciation to teacher(s) and staff (Teacher Appreciation Week is in early May).
- \_\_\_ Plan for summer reading.
- \_\_\_ Arrange for summer learning activities and, if necessary, tutoring and/or summer school.
- \_\_\_ Schedule an end-of-year conference, if necessary.

