

Homework Help?

Parentmobile?

Volunteering?

**Baltimore County Public Schools
Title I District Level Parent
Involvement Plan
2011-2012**

MD PIRC?

Parent Conferences?

Community Resources?

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (BCPS) ENDORSES MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS AMONG SCHOOLS, PARENTS, FAMILY CAREGIVERS, AND THE COMMUNITY.

BCPS and its schools promote effective parent involvement in:

Two-way communication	School level decision-making
Volunteering	Advocacy
Student learning	Community partnerships

The Title I District Level Parent Involvement Plan is jointly developed with parents and is aligned to Baltimore County Public Schools' Parent Involvement Policy and outlines efforts to involve parents in the district's activities.

Baltimore County Public Schools' Office of Title I would like to thank parents and administrative staff from the following schools for their partnership and input in developing this document.

Baltimore Highlands Elementary School
Elmwood Elementary School
Norwood Elementary School
Pleasant Plains Elementary School
Scotts Branch Elementary School

The Baltimore County Public Schools Office of Title I would also like to thank staff from the Department of Professional Development for their continued support.



BCPS communicates information to parents:

- Through newsletters, the Connect Ed phone messaging system, the systemwide calendar, report cards, workshops, and the Parentmobile.
- About reading and mathematical standards and schools' performance on the Maryland School Assessment (MSA).
- About Title I requirements through the use of school-level Parent Involvement Plans and School-Parent Compacts.
- In languages that parents can understand through translation and interpreting services provided by the Office of World Languages' Bilingual Resource Team.

BCPS has five regional Resource Centers for Families and Schools which provide assistance to parents in locating and identifying educational resources within the district and their community.

Northwest

Campfield Early Childhood Center
6834 Alter Street
Baltimore, MD 21207
410-887-1269

Northeast

Middlesex Elementary School
142 Bennett Road
Baltimore, MD 21221
410-887-0321

Central

White Oak School
8401 Leefield Road
Baltimore, MD 21234
410-887-5281

Southwest

Maiden Choice School
4901 Shelbourne Road
Baltimore, MD 21227
410-887-3646

Southeast

Dundalk Middle School
7400 Dunmanway
Baltimore, MD 21222
410-887-7147



More information about the Resource Centers for Families and Schools can be found at the following web site:

http://www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/resource_ctrs.html

Are you interested in volunteering? BCPS provides opportunities for parents to participate in their child's education by:

- Participating in school improvement teams, parent involvement committees, academic tutoring, curriculum support initiatives, and career awareness activities.
- Joining organized stakeholder groups such as Parent/Teacher Associations or Organizations (PTA or PTO), area advisory councils, and the Baltimore County Volunteer (BCV) Kindergarten Classroom Volunteers Initiative.
- Becoming a classroom helper and providing clerical/front office/library/cafeteria support at their child's school.

For more information, please call your child's school!

BCPS values parents' input in decision-making and their advocacy for their child's education through:

- Annual school-level meetings held with parent representatives to review, provide feedback, evaluate, and make revisions to district and school-level parent involvement plans.
- Regularly scheduled Board of Education meetings where citizens are encouraged to offer their input and suggestions.
- Bi-annual advisory council meetings where parents and constituents are encouraged to give suggestions on the operating and capital budgets.
- Annual meetings for parents to review the Parent/Guardian and Family Involvement Policy and Rule 1270.



BCPS' parent involvement efforts are aligned to national and state initiatives:

United States Department of Education
Empowering Parents School Box

<http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/schoolbox/index.html>

Maryland
**Maryland State Parental Involvement
Resource Center**

<http://www.mdpirc.org/>

Baltimore County Public Schools
Parent Support Services

<http://www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/pss.html>



BCPS promotes parenting and student learning through:

- Having every school designate a Parent-Teacher Liaison.
- Publishing student academic expectations and curriculum objectives through the Articulated Instruction Module (AIM). <http://www.bcps.org/apps/AIMpublic/>
- The SPARK3000 adult literacy program which strengthens parents' ability to assist their child with schoolwork. Parents can register to use SPARK3000 at a BCPS Resource Center for Families and Schools.
- The BCPS Education Channel 73 programming. The schedule is available at the following web site:

<http://www.bcps.org/apps/edchannel/schedule/>



BCPS provides coordination, support, and technical assistance in building effective parent-school partnerships by:

- Providing presentations to school staff on topics such as Effective Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences,
Communicating with Parents — Challenges and Solutions, Establishing a Welcoming Environment, and Understanding Demographics.
- Offering early literacy and adult literacy opportunities to families through the ABC, HIPPIY, and Even Start programs and by partnering with Baltimore County Public Libraries, Baltimore County Recreation and Parks, the Maryland State Parental Involvement Resource Center and other community organizations.
- Utilizing the five Resource Centers for Families and Schools which assist school staff with developing parent materials to support learning at home and to design custom programs to address individual needs.
- Survey parents to collect input on how school staff can better reach out to and communicate with parents as equal partners

If you have any additional questions about how Baltimore County Public Schools Office of Title I supports parental involvement initiatives, please contact:

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