

Baltimore County Public Schools believes a community-wide effort is required to create, sustain and invest in a culture of deliberate excellence that prepares all students to be globally-competitive upon graduation. Parents, families and community stakeholders build partnerships that are critical to increasing achievement for all students and supporting BCPS in reaching this goal.

The BCPS Office of Family & Community Engagement was created to provide assistance to families, schools and community organizations in promoting student achievement. In accordance with the BCPS *Blueprint 2.0*, our focus is to:

“Expand parental involvement and engagement strategies to meet the unique needs of all families in the school communities.”

The Office of Family & Community Engagement:

- Develops and disseminates materials to support and promote parental involvement.
- Provides learning opportunities to support parents as teachers who guide the learning of their children and as learners who want to acquire skills to assist their children better.
- Coordinates the BCPS volunteer program.
- Coordinates Service-Learning.
- Offers professional development opportunities for school staff.

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Building a sustainable culture of parental and family engagement to support academic achievement for all students

Parent University

The Parent University provides centralized access to resources that educate and empower families to prepare their children to become globally competitive graduates. Located on the Baltimore County Public Schools Web site under the “Parents” tab.

Information is available about the following topics/resources:

- Academics
- Birth Through Prekindergarten (2016)
- Educational Workshops
- Health and Wellness
- Personal Growth
- Parent University on BCPS–TV



Educating & Empowering Families

<http://www.bcps.org/parents>

Resource Centers for Families and Schools are located at:

Campfield Early Learning Center
6834 Alter Street 21207 410-887-1269

Middlesex Elementary
142 Bennett Road 21221 410-887-0321

www.bcps.org/parents/resourcecenters

Parentmobile

This award-winning vehicle serves as an educational resource center that travels to schools, community events and businesses. On the Parentmobile, a BCPS representative assists parents and community members in accessing information about Baltimore County Public Schools in order to support learning at home.

While on the Parentmobile, visitors can...

- Learn about Baltimore County Public Schools’ curricula.
- Select resources to assist with learning at home.
- Visit Baltimore County Public Schools’ Web site.
- Learn about community resources that support education.
- Learn about resources that support families of students with special needs or limited English proficiency.



Parentmobile Reservations

<http://www.bcps.org/parents/parentmobile>

BCPS Volunteer Program

Our schools depend on volunteers and value their contributions to enhance the programs and services provided for students. Volunteers are important members of Team BCPS and help our professional staff sustain effective learning environments, enrich the education and experiences of students and build critical partnerships to increase achievement for all students.

Volunteers are essential to the educational process as they bring their knowledge and skills into our schools and strengthen classroom instruction. Volunteers are placed by schools and offices according to identified needs and perform tasks that support our established goals.

To learn more about the volunteer program or become a school volunteer, please visit us online at:

www.bcps.org/community/volunteer_info

Service Learning

Service-Learning is a teaching method that combines meaningful service to the community with curriculum-based learning. Students improve their academic skills by applying what they learn in school to the real world; they then reflect on their experience to reinforce the link between their service and their learning.

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