

Barber Middle School

Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2018-2019 School Year

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What is Title I?

Barber 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 challenging state academic standards in reinforcing and enhancing efforts 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written

Parental Involvement Policy.



SCHOOL PLAN FOR SHARED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

What is it?

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

Barber Middle School invited all parents to attend our annual Input Meeting last spring to review and revise this Parental Involvement Policy, as well as the Schoolwide Plan, our School-Parent Compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. 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 and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the Plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

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

Where is it available?

The Plan is distributed to all parents during Conference Week in October. The Plan is also posted on the school website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the Plan from the Parent Resource Room.



2018-19 District Goals

- By the end of the 2018-2019 school year, 100% of the schools and district will use our collaborative data-driven process, Cobb Collaborative Community (CCC), to improve learning.
- CCSD will increase the participation rate of families and communities engaging in services/programs by 10% as measured by ParentVUE data, survey results and web view module.
- By the end of the 2018-2019 school year, 100% of the schools and district will use a common assessment to measure the impact of professional learning which will, in turn guide decisions on how best to support teachers and leaders in high poverty/needs schools.

2018-19 School Goals

- Increase student achievement on the GA Milestones in Math, Science, Social Studies, and English Language Arts
- Decrease gaps on the GA Milestones between student groups in Math, Science, Social Studies, and English Language Arts

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Barber Middle School and our families developed a School-Parent Compact on April 17, 2018 which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students developed 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 fall and spring Input Meetings. The School-Parent Compacts are sent home with each child for use in the home on a daily basis.

Let's Get Together!

Barber Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Meeting times vary to have increased numbers of parents participate.

Parent Meeting – September 6, November 8, February 26, April 18 - 6:00 PM

Our social worker will present a series of meetings on parenting topics.

Principal Coffee & Conversation

September 11, November 8, February 5, April 16 - 8:00 AM

An open forum with the principal to update parents on the state of our school.

State of the School Meeting – September 13 - 6:00 PM

Information about our Title I program, including our Parental Involvement Policy, the Schoolwide Plan, and the School-Parent Compact.

Building Staff Capacity Trainings – Sept. 19, Dec. 12, March 20, May 15

Quarterly review of our Family Engagement program and dual capacity framework progress.

Family Learning Night – October 9 & February 7 - 6:30 PM

Practical activities and strategies to support students with identified standards.

Munch & Math – October 10 - 11:30 AM

Learn tips and tricks to support your student in math learning at home.

Fall School Improvement Forum – During Conference Week

Provide input on our Compact and Policy as we prepare them for next year.

Holiday Lunch & Learn – December 6 - During Lunch

Parents will receive winter break learning strategies as they enjoy a special lunch with their student.

Black History Program – February 28 - 6:00 PM

Our students will be educated on notable achievements of African Americans.

Barber College Planning Night – March 28 - 4:30 PM

Students and parents will receive information on the process of applying for post-secondary education.

Spring School Improvement Forum – April 16 - 9:00 AM & April 18 - 7:00 PM

Provide input on our Compact and Policy as we prepare them for next year.

Rising 6th Grade Transition Event – April 25 - 6:00 PM

Rising 6th grade students and their families receive information on the transition into middle school.



Barber Middle School

We create the BIG picture. We are Barber Braves!

Barber Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents 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 multiple languages (as needed), posted on the school website, and included in the Barber Weekly Update and the monthly school newsletter for all parents.

Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices.

Partner with Acworth and Baker Elementary schools for the elementary to middle school transition and North Cobb High School for the middle to high school transition. This partnership will allow us to share school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their children for the transition.

Share information on the school website and in the school newsletter 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 schoolwide 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 parental involvement.

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 our Partners in Education and Parent Partnership Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school Parental Involvement Policy.

Offer literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.

Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input cards around the building and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.



Parent Resource Room

Come visit the Parent Resource Room to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. It is located in the Media Center. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday - Thursday, 9:15 AM - 4:15 PM

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Barber Middle School believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents 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.
- That parents are involved in the decisions regarding how the 1% reserved fund will be used for parent involvement.

Barber Middle School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

Contact us at (770) 975-6764 or email Tia.amlett@cobbk12.org.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT STANDARDS

Barber Middle School 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

TITLE I PARTNERSHIP TEAM

Barber Middle School invites all parents to join the Title I Partnership Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Title I Partnership Team, please contact our Principal, Tia Amlett, at (770) 975-6764 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Front Office.

Parent Partnership Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Parent Partnership Team
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the Parent Partnership Team
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

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 plan 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 Front Office:

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)

Comments/Suggestions: (optional)
