



HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL
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PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN
2018-2019
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What is Title I?

Howard High 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 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 all parents and family members a written parent and family engagement plan to strengthen student academic achievement.

District Goals

All students will reach high standards with a minimum attaining the following proficiency:

- Increase the percent of student achieving a Lexile measure at the targeted grade level (3rd, 5th, 8th, HS American Lit) to 55% as measured by the Georgia Milestones assessment scores.
- Decrease the percentage of students absent from school 6 or more days from 48.4% to 30%.

School Goals

- Increase Lexile scores by 5% as measured by STAR 360.
- Increase passing rates by 10% on state assessments in Algebra and Geometry.

Focus Areas

Reading: Students read materials appropriate to skill level and cite textual evidence to demonstrate understanding. Literacy strategies are employed in all academic classes to increase student reading comprehension.

Algebra: Recall math facts quickly. Create equations that describe linear, quadratic & exponential relationships between quantities. Represent equations & inequalities graphically.

Geometry: Understand right triangle trigonometry. Describe circles and their properties and the connections to Algebra.

Parent, Teachers, and Students will Share Responsibility for Success

What is the purpose of this plan?

This plan explains how Howard High School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Howard High values the contributions and engagement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways Howard High will support family engagement and provides information on how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is the plan developed?

All parents are invited to attend our annual Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forums in the spring to review and revise this plan including: the schoolwide plan, school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. These meetings are scheduled at convenient times in the mornings and evenings. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online comment card. Parent feedback received will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distributed an annual survey online and a printed copy to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and use of funds for family engagement.

Who is the plan 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. Howard High School will provide an equal opportunity for the participation of families with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children. The Neglected and Delinquent Residential Facilities in the district are included in the family engagement program's correspondence and activities.

Where will the plan be available?

This plan will be available on the school website, in the front office, in the counselor's suite and in the media center.

School-Parent Compact

As a part of this plan, Howard High School developed a school-parent compact which explains how teachers, parents, and students will work together to make sure that students successfully meet the district and school goals. This plan will be reviewed and updated each year based on input from parents, students, and teachers during our annual Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum in the spring or at any time throughout the year using the online comment card located on the school website parent channel.

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Howard High 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 communicated in both English and Spanish, as needed.
- ◆ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis about school meetings and events by mail, flyers, and phone calls, school messenger, school marquee, social media sites.
- ◆ Conduct staff development in consultation with parents on effective family engagement practices and strategies for staff to work with families, as equal partners. Information tips will be shared during regularly scheduled staff meetings, by email and handouts.
- ◆ Partner with Howard Middle School and colleges to coordinate and integrate family engagement activities to support the full participation of parents in their child's transition to high school and beyond.
- ◆ Provide necessary materials in our Parent Resource Center and at workshops for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as ways to monitor their child's progress toward academic achievement.
- ◆ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for family engagement activities through surveys, evaluations and the "Share Your Ideas" comment card.
- ◆ Submit parent feedback about any part of the Schoolwide plan that is not satisfactory to the students and school's goals for academic achievement to the local Title I.

Engagement Opportunities

We encourage our parents to participate and support these programs designed for student success.

The following will be offered to parents in order to strengthen family engagement:

- ◆ PTSO
- ◆ School Council
- ◆ Booster Clubs
 - Athletic
 - Orchestra
 - Band
 - Chorus
 - Robotics
 - DECA and FBLA
- ◆ Proctoring opportunities



If you would like to volunteer or want more information on how to stay connected and involved, contact Anna Jones, our Family Engagement Facilitator at 478.779.4874 or by email anna.jones@bcsdk12.net.

The following events will be presented to families to strengthen family engagement. Meetings are held at flexible times throughout the year.

- **August 2018 - Annual Title I Meeting and Open House:**
Learn about our Title I program and meet your child's teachers.
- **August 2018 - Senior Parent Night:**
Parents and students are invited to hear from the Senior Advisors, Senior Counselor and College reps about graduation requirements and career/college opportunities.
- **September 2018 - 9th, 10th, and 11th Grade Parent Nights:**
A session with teachers and counselors to provide parents and students knowledge about curriculum, content standards and assessments.
- **October 2018 - Technology Workshop:**
Parents will learn about copyright piracy and how to use Parent Portal and other online resources.
- **October 2018 - Building Capacity (ongoing):**
Staff training for effective communication skills and strategies with the assistance of parents.
- **November 2018 - Annual Parent Survey:**
Parents will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the school's family engagement activities.
- **January 2019 - Curriculum Night:**
An opportunity for parents to learn about course offerings, Dual Enrollment, CTAE Pathways and Hutchings College and Career Academy as students prepare to register for next year's classes.
- **February - March 7 2019 - Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum:**
A forum for families to participate in roundtable discussions with principals and staff regarding the school-wide plan, parent and family engagement plan, school-parent compact and family engagement budget.
- **March 2019 FAFSA help for Parents of Seniors:**
Assistance for parents in filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- **April 2019 - Rising 9th Grade Transition Workshop:**
This workshop provides parents with information on high school transition and involve students and families in the transition process.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences – Ongoing:**
Parent-teacher conferences are available upon request and scheduled as needed.
- **School Council and PTSO Meetings:**
Parents and families are invited to join and attend meetings quarterly. Share in decision and plan activities that impact our school.