

Title 1-BHS Parent Involvement Policy

Baldwin High School believes that the school belongs to the people who create them by consent and taxation and are only as strong as the informed and knowledgeable support of Baldwin citizens and the staff of the school. This support is based upon their knowledge and understanding of and participation in the development of goals and objectives of public schools, the district and school level parental involvement policy.

We, therefore, affirm and assure the right of parents of children participating in activities funded by Title 1 to opportunities including, but not limited to, planning committees, community meetings, parent workshops, surveys and questionnaires, to collaboratively participate in:

- **Title 1 Plans:** The design, implementation, and evaluation of the Baldwin County School System Title 1 Plan including parental involvement activities as stipulated under sections 1112 and 116 of the ESEA, No Child Left Behind Act;

Parental Involvement Policy: The development and revision of parental involvement policy at the district and school level to insure the implementation of activities that are beneficial to all parents as stipulated under section 1112 of the NCLB Act. Since Title 1 focus on building a greater capacity for parental involvement Baldwin County School System will maintain the following principles that should build both school and parent capacity of parental involvement. These principles will be accomplished through training and instruction of both parents and educators. Provisions for such training and instruction for each of these principles may occur via school council meetings, parent workshops, brochures, and other media or avenue of communication that is appropriate.

1. Baldwin High School understands that we as educators bear the responsibility of helping parents understand federal and state policies and objectives concerning their children's education. The Baldwin County Title 1 office and the local school parental involvement programs assist participating parents in acquiring and understanding of the following to the extent applicable or feasible:

- National Education Goals
- State Title 1 content standards and student performance standards
- School improvement and corrective action process
- Components of a school wide Title 1 program
- State and local assessments
- Requirements for Title 1, Part 3

2. The District and Local school parent involvement programs to the extent feasible and applicable provide materials and training to assist parents in working with their children to improve student achievement. School wide parent workshops are held covering topics relating to the GHSGT/GPS, TECH Fair, Science Fair, and Student Writing. Online Assessment System (OAS) is provided for End-of-Course Test practice. A Parent Lending Library is available.

3. Baldwin High School educates teachers, administrators, and other staff in the value and utility of the contributions of parents and in methods to better communicate and work with parents as equal partners. Parental Involvement Committee training and professional development are provided on the Title 1 Parental Involvement Policy.

4. To the extent feasible and appropriate, Baldwin High School collaboratively coordinates and integrates parent involvement with the state funded pre-kindergarten program. Transition meetings with public and private Pre-K providers and parents are held.

5. Additionally, to the extent feasible, appropriate roles for community-based involvement are collaboratively developed with Baldwin High School Partners in Education program to provide opportunities for organizations and businesses to work with parents and schools. Allied Arts, Partners in Education, Georgia College and State University, and Communities In Schools all work with Baldwin High School.

6. Because of the increasing numbers of international families within Baldwin County, the Title 1 Coordinator collaborates with the ESOL Program Coordinator to ensure to the extent possible that parents and students who have limited English proficiency are provided information related to schools, parent programs, meetings and other activities in a language and form the parents understand. Materials for ELL students and parents are available in the Parent Lending Library.

7. Baldwin teachers and other educators who work directly with the Title 1 students arrange in-home conferences where appropriate and feasible.

8. Baldwin High School will provide other reasonable, appropriate and feasible support for parental involvement activities if requested by parents. Parent Lending Library is available for parents to use computers or review/sign out materials on parenting. The Parent Involvement Policy of the Baldwin County

School System and Baldwin High School are evaluated annually as to the effectiveness in increasing parent participation and identifying barriers to parent participation such as low income, disabilities, limited literacy, language or other cultural consideration. The findings of the annual evaluation are used to design strategies for school improvement or to redesign the parent policies. (**August 2, 2013**)