

Buchanan Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2024-2025 School Year

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What is Title I?

Buchanan Elementary 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 the 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 parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement



What is it?

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

Buchanan Elementary School invited all parents to attend our School Governance Meeting last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. 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 to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members 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 plan. Buchanan Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children. The Haralson County School District will ensure collaboration and communication regarding all parent engagement meetings and activities with directors and employees at facilities of neglected children where residents attend Haralson County Schools.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is given to all students. As a reminder, we will have the plan available to all parents during parent teacher conference dates. The plan will also be posted on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

The mission of BES is to prepare and inspire each student to be a lifelong learner and a responsible, productive citizen.

HC District Mission

Haralson County Schools will produce high-achieving students who will graduate and become productive and responsible citizens.

2024–25 School Goals

Increase student performance in content mastery in reading and math according to EOG (End of Grade) Milestones and Renaissance Star reading and math.

*The focus for reading is:
Close reading texts, comprehension,
writing/language and Corrective
Reading / Reading Mastery.*

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, BES and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers and students will develop that explains how students, parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students are empowered to reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during School Governance Teams and

Parent Nights. The school-parent compacts are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.



Let's Get Together!

Buchanan Elementary will host the following events to build capacity for strong family engagement and to support a partnership among school, parents and community to improve student academic achievement.

District Annual Title I Meeting – July 20, 2024 (10am-12pm HCHS)

We invite you to a day of learning and sharing about our district Title I plan as part of Rebel Fest. Invitations will be posted on social media.

Back to School Bash - July 25, 2024 (partnered with BPS)

We invite you to an evening of sharing and networking celebrating coming back to school. Invitations will be posted on social media.

Open House and Annual Title I Meeting– August 1, 2024

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

School Governance Team – August 29, November 14, 2024, February 6, and May 1, 2024

Gain knowledge about BES' data, improvement plans and future steps. Parent input is welcomed and valued.

Volunteer Training / SGT Meeting - September 11, 2024

Learn opportunities and protocols to serve as a BES volunteer. Volunteering includes support with luncheons, Rebel Store, making copies and working with projects in classrooms.

STREAM Night and Title I Meeting – September 17, 2024

Learn how science, technology, reading, engineering, art and math are integrated and can be fun at home. Participate in various reading, math and science activities and learn how to make reading fun at home. Title I overview will be shared.

Grits with Gran - September 5, 2024

Conversation and breakfast with Grandparents.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – October 21, 2024 & February 10, 2025

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Thanksgiving Lunch - November 21, 2024

Share lunch with your child.

Singing on the Square- December 20, 2024

Community event with the sharing of Christmas carols.

Art Show - March 13, 2025

Student art gallery.

School Forum – SGT Meeting May 1, 2025

Roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding schoolwide plans.

Additional events can be added

Parent Resource Center

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

Tuesday – Friday, 6:50 am – 4:00 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Buchanan Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members 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.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Buchanan Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Buchanan Elementary is Branching Out!

Buchanan Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 both English and Spanish, posted on the school website and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school blog 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 school wide events and activities through phone messages, social media and flyers.
- ✓ 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 School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and a post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Buchanan Elementary promotes positive relationships with our families. BES has adopted the following responsibilities as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community:

- Welcoming All Families
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking Up for Every Child
- Collaborating with Community

BES Parent Volunteer

Buchanan Elementary promotes and supports volunteers at BES. Volunteers will be trained and allowed to support in various ways. For example, making copies, working at the Rebel store and/or Rebel Pride activities and supporting luncheons. Our volunteer training is scheduled for Wednesday, 9/11/24 at 9am in the BES cafeteria.

School Governance Team

Thank you to all the parents that have already signed up to be a member of our School Governance Team (SGT). If you have not and would like to, please complete the information below. We are looking for stakeholders, such as business owners and parents to be part of this dynamic team at BES. The SGT meets four times per year. Items discussed are: resource allocation, budget, curriculum, school operations and parent involvement. We encourage you to participate as a member of our SGT so, together, we can make decisions that will positively impact our students.

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Governance Team.
- ☐ Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Governance Team.
- ☐ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name:

Child's Name and Grade:

Business (if applicable):

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address: