

Barack and Michelle Obama Academy

Parent & Family Engagement Plan
2024-2025 School Year
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What is Title I?

BaMO Academy is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeeds Act. Title I is:

- A federally funded program which provides services to schools based on scholars economic needs.
- Designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students.

All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parent and family engagement plan.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how BaMO Academy will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. BaMO Academy 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 BaMO Academy 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?

BaMO Academy invited all parents to attend our School Wide Planning and Budget meeting to review and revise this parental involvement policy, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. 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 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 including our PTA and Local Governance Team meetings.

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 BaMO Academy will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan is posted to the school Website, emailed to all parents, and distributed at the Annual Title I meeting. Parents can also retrieve a copy in the Parent Resource Center.

2024-2025 Goals for Achievement

APS District Goal

APS Mission: Through a caring culture of equity, trust, collaboration, every student will graduate ready for college, career, and life.

APS Vision: A high-performing school district where students love to learn, educators inspire, families engage, and the community trust the system.

BaMO School Goals

BaMO Academy Mission:

Our mission is to enrich, nurture and respect all children as unique individuals while fostering an environment which develops the social, emotional physical and intellectual development of every child.

BaMO Academy Vision:

To work collaborative as school leaders, teachers, parents and community member to provide a child-centered learning environment focused on high student achievement for all students.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, **BaMO Academy** and our families will develop a school-parent compact. It is an agreement that explains how parents, teachers and students work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

The compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the School-wide Planning meeting and the School Forum.

Parents and teachers worked diligently to create compacts specifically for each grade level. A copy of the school-parent compact brochure is distributed to every family to use during the year.

Let's Get Together!

BaMO Academy 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.

Open House –July 31, 2024

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

Curriculum Night- August 28, 2024

Receive information from your scholar's teacher regarding the different areas of your scholar's academics for the upcoming school year.

Fall Parent Teacher Conference Week – October 21-28, 2024

Meet with your scholar's teacher to discuss their academic performance and learn ways that you can support their academic progress at home.

Annual Title I Meeting-October 24, 2024

Learn about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement plan, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' right to know. Invitations will be mailed and posted in the school newsletter and local media.

Parent Literacy Night – October 24, 2024

Learn reading strategies to do at home.

Winter Parent Teacher Conference Week – January 13-21, 2025

Meet with your scholar's teacher to discuss their academic performance and learn ways that you can support their academic progress at home.

I Love Math Day – February 14, 2025

Learn how to make Math fun at home.

Spring Parent Teacher Conference Week – March 14-18, 2025

Meet with your scholar's teacher to discuss their academic performance and learn ways that you can support their academic progress at home.

GMAS Workshops – March 26, 2025

Receive data on your student's academic performance. Learn tips on how to help prepare them for testing at home.

Friday Morning Meetings – Monthly

Assembly for students, staff and parents to recognize student achievement, review priorities and boost morale for the month.

Future Events will be posted on the schools website, and announced through take home flyers, email, text, and voice messenger. Please get and install our (Remind 101) App.

Parent Resource Center

Our parent center has a variety of resources including meeting space, computers, a printer, a uniform closet, and washer and dryer. The Parent Center is available Monday-Friday 9:00 am –2:30 pm. Please contact our school at 404-802-4200 if you have any questions.

Parental Involvement

BaMO Academy believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Parents play a role in assisting their scholar's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their scholar's education at school and home.
- Parents are full partners in their scholar's education and are included in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their scholar.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Barack and Michelle Obama Academy is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan.
404-802-4200

BaMO Academy is "Soaring Towards Limitless Possibilities"

We 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 English and Spanish, posted on the school Web site, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- Provide monthly 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 during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Partner with Head Start and Early Reading programs by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their scholar for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- 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 scholar'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 scholar to improve their scholar's achievement.
- Use our Partners in Education and Family Engagement Committee to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input cards around the building and post suggestion forms on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests.

Parent Involvement Standards

BaMO Academy 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:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

Family Engagement Committee

- ☐ Yes, I am excited about joining the FEC
- ☐ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the FEC
- ☐ Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

Please print...

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Best time to contact me: _____

Family Engagement Committee

BaMO invites **ALL** parents to join the Title I Family Engagement Committee to share ideas and ways to involve other parents/guardians to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website.

If you would like to learn more about the Title I Family Engagement Committee, please contact our school at 404-802-4200 or complete the form and leave it in then the Parent Resource Center.

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 does not enhance 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 Main Office or Parent Resource Center:

Please provide your name and number if you want someone to contact you.

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)
