

**The Best, Engineering, Science
and Technology Academy at the
Thomas W. Dortch Jr. Institute**
*Parent and Family Engagement Plan for
Shared Student Success
2024-2025 School Year*



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What is Title I?

B.E.S.T. Academy is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is:

- A federally funded program which provides services to schools based on student 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 B.E.S.T. Academy will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. B.E.S.T. 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 B.E.S.T. 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 developed?

B.E.S.T. Academy invited all parents to attend our School Wide Planning and Budget meeting to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan, our school-parent compact and the parent and family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcomed during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school's 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 parent and family engagement. 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 participate in the opportunities described in this plan. B.E.S.T. 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's website, emailed to all parents, and distributed at the Annual Title I meeting. Parents can also retrieve a copy in the Parent Academic Resource Centers located in the main hall of the lower academy.

2024-2025 District Goal



ACADEMIC PROGRAM ...

Our students will be well-rounded individuals who possess the necessary academic skills and knowledge and are excited about learning.

Mission

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

Vision

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

2024-2025 B.E.S.T. Academy Goals

- To increase the percent of students meeting or exceeding in Math 5% or greater by 2025.
- To increase the percent of students meeting or exceeding in ELA 5% or greater by 2025.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, B.E.S.T. Academy and our families will develop a school-parent compact. It is an agreement that explains how parents, teachers and students work together to ensure that 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 in school forums.

Parents and teachers worked diligently to create compacts. A copy of the school-parent compact brochure is distributed to every family.

Let's Get Together!

B.E.S.T. Academy will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Future events will be posted on the school website and announced through flyers, emails, text messages and voice messenger. Do not forget to stay current & install our B.E.S.T. Academy App. (Policy Events Revised 2-12-24 & Update 7-29-24).

1ST SEMESTER 2024

- ☐ Open House, Parent Orientation, Meet & Greet
- ☐ Town hall, Parent Portal, Navigating Technology & Links
- ☐ Staff Workshop - Parent Teacher Conference
- ☐ Family Game Night
- ☐ New & Existing Parent Support Group (Bi-Monthly)
- ☐ Annual Title I Parent Meeting
- ☐ Grade Level Nights with Parent Portal
- ☐ All Pro Dads (Monthly Series)
- ☐ Grandparents Talk & Managing IEP, 504 & Special Needs
- ☐ Bring Your Parent to School Day, College Fair, Parenting Moody Teen & addressing teen mental health, Bullying, Understanding State and National Test Schools, PODs, and Milestones
- ☐ Holiday, ELA, and Reading Enrichment Workshop

2ND SEMESTER 2025

- ☐ Staff Workshop
- ☐ Family Vision Board Party, Scholarships &/ Summer Enrichment Workshop
- ☐ Parent Support Group Continued, Training Boys to Men
- ☐ All Pro Dads
- ☐ Heart Health & Heart 2 Heart with Dr. Jones and The A-Team
- ☐ Math, Science, and Engineering Mardi Gras, Parent/Teacher Conference Night or Black History Program
- ☐ Bring Your Parent to School, Title I Spring Input Meeting with Milestones Testing and Open House
- ☐ Transition Workshop

B.E.S.T. Engaging Families All School Year Long

Parent Academic Resource Center (PARC)

Our Parent Academic Resource Center is in Room C-107. We are building a library of resources. It is open Monday-Friday 8:15 am – 3:15 pm.

Please contact Parent Liaison LaNett Stanley-Turner at 404-802-4964, lastanley-turner@atlanta.k12.ga.us if you have any questions.

Parental Engagement

B.E.S.T. Academy believes that parent engagement means the participation of parents in two-way communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play a role in assisting in their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school and home.
- That parents are full partners with the school and are included 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.

B.E.S.T. Academy 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 to participate in our programs.
Parent Liaison: LaNett Stanley-Turner, lastanley-turner@atlanta.k12.ga.us

B.E.S.T. Academy

Where you Enter Determined and Exit Prepared!

We will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school 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 school newsletters 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 during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Send school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and students for school transitions.
- Share information on the school website, Facebook, and Twitter.
- Provide school newsletters for parents detailing the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with teachers.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide 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 and parents on the importance of parent and family engagement.
- 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 Family Engagement Committee to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement plan.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events and distribute suggestions mailbox link on the school's website to respond to parents' requests.

Parent Involvement Standards

B.E.S.T. 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

B.E.S.T. Academy 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 Parent Liaison: LaNett Stanley-Turner, lastanley-turner@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Also, you may complete the form and leave it in the Parent Academic Resource Center room C107.

Families, click on the link below to sign & submit this form acknowledging review of this document.

<https://forms.gle/ejrasMJHm6eD5zWZ9>

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: _____

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 email this form to lastanley-turner@atlanta.k12.ga.us:

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

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)
