

Ways Parents Do More to be Engaged



While our signature engagement model is APTT and we feel that it meets the needs of the majority of our families, parent conferences are encouraged. We look forward to having **every** family participate in APTT Fall Individual Family Conferences. In addition, teachers are available on other days after school from 2:30 until 3:30 p.m. with appointment. If at any time you would like a conference, please contact the teacher so that you can be placed on the schedule. Please adhere to conference times so that other parents are not kept waiting.

Classroom Visitation



Parents are encouraged and always welcomed to visit your child in class! In order to make your visit beneficial, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- ◆ Check in at the main office before you go to the classroom
- ◆ Please refrain from discussing your child's progress with the teacher; schedule a separate conference time.
- ◆ Observe children quietly in class or from the hallway.
- ◆ Guide sheets are available from the Parent Center to those who may need a little help in knowing what to look for and a place to document what they see.
- ◆ Please place cellphones on vibrate and refrain from phone conversations during your visit.
- ◆ Check out in the main office before leaving the building.



Volunteers



We are always in need of parents who are willing to offer some of their time to contribute to the total school program. Opportunities include, but are not limited to, field trip chaperone, career presentations, special projects, displays, tutoring, library, cafeteria, health programs, and many others. The children benefit from your positive role model.



Appreciation

Parent Recognition

Parent contributions are vital to each successful school year; and we believe that success should be celebrated. During the end of year awards programs, parents who have met the criteria set forth by the school administration will be recognized. At a minimum, parents who participate in **all 4 APTT meetings** will be recognized for their commitment to supporting our academic program.



What is Title I?

Beecher Hills is identified as a Title I school as part of Georgia's **Every Student Succeeds Act of 2017 (ESSA)**. ESSA replaces the former Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Beecher Hills has a school-wide improvement or success plan under this program.

- ◆ Title I is a federally funded program that provides funding to our school to help ensure that every student meets the state's high academic standards.
- ◆ Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent and family engagement.

As a Title I school we must jointly develop with parents and families a written parent and family engagement plan.



2017-2018 GOALS

District Goal for Academic Program

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

Beecher Hills Goals

The school's administrators and teachers have studied our student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school. This data is also shared with parents and students. The following goals were developed based on this data:

- ◆ By May 2018, decrease the number of students scoring below the 25th percentile on the STAR assessments as measured by the spring administration of the STAR universal screener.
- ◆ By May 2018, 75% of students in each grade level will meet the end of year goal for identified grade level essential skills as measured by the spring administration of the STAR universal screener.
- ◆ On the Spring 2018 GMAS EOG, 60% of students in grades 3-5 will achieve the grade level Lexile goal; 50% of 3rd grade and 57% of 4th and 5th grades will achieve a reading status of grade level or above.

BHES



Beecher Hills Elementary

Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success 2017-2018 School Year



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What is Parental Involvement?

Beecher Hills believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. This includes ensuring:

- ◆ That parents play a role in assisting with their child's learning.
- ◆ That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school and home.
- ◆ That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- ◆ That the activities described in this plan are carried out.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Beecher Hills ES and our parents leaders and PTA, have adopted the **National PTA Standards** for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model for engaging parents, students, and the community.



BHES Community Team

We invite **ALL** parents and families to join the BHES Community Team. Our goal will be fulfilling the 6 tenets above as it relates to Beecher. The team will meet once per quarter. If you would like to be apart of this team or simply offer your input of ideas or suggestions, we invite you to reach out at anytime via phone by calling **404-802-8316**, by email at **tweekes@atlanta.k12.ga.us**, by leaving a personal note in the **Parent Center box, Main Office**, or simply stop by the Parent Center and engage a conversation with **Parent Liaison, Ms. Weekes**.

Our Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how **Beecher Hills Elementary School** will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Beecher Hills' 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 Beecher Hills will support parent engagement and how family members can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed and revised?

Beecher Hills invites all families to participate in the review and revision of our School-wide School Improvement Plan and Budget, this parental involvement plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. This occurs formally in the spring and again in the fall of the calendar year. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome throughout the school year. 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 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.

Who is it for?

This plan applies to all families of every PreK-5 student. All are encouraged and invited to participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Beecher Hills will make provisions so that parents with limited English, disabilities and parents of migratory children can fully participate in family engagement opportunities.

Where is it available?

The plan is posted to the school website, emailed to all parents with email addresses on file, sent home with every student via homework folders, and distributed at the Annual Title I meeting. Parents can also view a copy in the school Media Center Title I notebook, or retrieve a copy in the Parent Center located in room 201, located at the front of the building.

2017-2018 BHES PFEP
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Beecher Hills is Doing More to Raise the Bar

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 other translations per our ESOL enrollment, posted on the school calendar, and included in the communication resources used for all parents.
- ◆ Provide interpreters for non-English speaking parents during meetings and conferences.
- ◆ Provide regular 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 our in-house Pre-K Program and their support staff and agencies by conducting joint staff meetings and sending out school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ◆ Provide necessary materials and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement during APTT meetings and individual conferences.
- ◆ Facilitate parent access to the Parent Portal as a means to monitor their child's progress weekly and work with educators.
- ◆ Share information on the district, grade level, class and individual student performance on academic standards and assessments during APTT meetings and individual conferences.
- ◆ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, school marquee, email and flyers.
- ◆ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ◆ Use our Partners in Education and Family Engagement Committee to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- ◆ Solicit verbal and/or written feedback from parents at all events.

Title I Parent Resource Center

The Parent Center is conveniently located at the front of the building in Room 201. It is open Monday through Friday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm and during most school events occurring outside the normal school day. We have a Lending Library of resources available for parent and guardians to borrow. Please stop by and check it out.

Beecher Hills is committed to helping our parents attend activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

Please contact
Ms. Weekes, Parent Liaison at 404-802-8316 or
tweekes@atlanta.k12.ga.us if you have any questions.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Beecher Hills and our families 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 compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the School-wide Planning meeting and via email and feedback forms.

Parents and staff members work diligently to create a compact that reflects the Beecher Way. A copy of the school-parent compact brochure is distributed to every family to use during the year. Teachers may use the compact during conferences. A record of parent's acknowledgement of receiving the compact and plan are kept on file in the Parent Center.

Let's Get Together!

Beecher Hills will host a variety of events to engage and educate parents and the community on improving student academic achievement. Our signature Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) Meetings and individual conferences will focus on building parent/family capacity for helping students grow essential skills at home. The APTT meeting schedule is as follows:

2017-2018 APTT Tuesday Evening Meeting Schedule

Grade	Team Mtg #1		Team Mtg #2		Team Mtg #3	
	Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time
Pre-K	9/5/17	5:30	1/23/18	5:30	4/24/18	5:30
Kdg	9/5/17	5:30	1/23/18	5:30	4/24/18	5:30
1	9/5/17	5:30	1/23/18	5:30	4/24/18	5:30
2	9/5/17	5:30	1/23/18	5:30	4/24/18	5:30
3	9/26/17	5:30	1/30/18	5:30	5/1/18	5:30
4	9/26/17	5:30	1/30/18	5:30	5/1/18	5:30
5	9/26/17	5:30	1/30/18	5:30	5/1/18	5:30

APTT Individual Family Conferences

scheduled with homeroom teachers
November 1 through November 17, 2017.

We invite all parents to participate in the following:

- ◆ **School-wide Open House**—July 28, 2017 11am-1pm
- ◆ **Principal's Tea and Talk**—August 18, 2017
- ◆ **Parent Portal Sign-Up**—APTT #1 and On-going
- ◆ **Grandparents Day**—September 8, 2017
- ◆ **Parent Center Open House**—September 29, 2017 1-3 pm
- ◆ **Annual Title I Review Meeting**—October 24, 2017
- ◆ **National Family Engagement Month**—November 2017
- ◆ **Pre-K Pot Luck Lunch 'N Learn** —November 14, 2017
- ◆ **GA Milestones Test Prep Workshop**—December 2017
- ◆ **Mid Year Title I Budget Revision Input**—Date TBD
- ◆ **Parents' Writing Workshop**—February 2018
- ◆ **Donuts & Dad's Dr. Seuss Read-In**—March 2, 2018
- ◆ **Year End Title I Family Input Celebration** —April 20, 2018
- ◆ **Muffins for Mom Summer Make & Take**—May 14, 2018
- ◆ **Fine Arts Exhibition & Student Led Portfolio Night**—May 17, 2018

For your convenience, each of these events and others are promoted via multiple communication modes listed in our school compact. These include the bimonthly school calendar which is updated and published monthly.