

## Ralph J. Bunche Middle School

### School

### Parent and Family Engagement and Plan for Shared Student Success

2022-2023

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### What is Title I?

Ralph J. Bunche Middle School is 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 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 plan.



## School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

### What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Ralph J. Bunche Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Ralph J. Bunche Middle School 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 Ralph J. Bunche Middle School 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?

Ralph J. Bunche Middle School invited all parents to attend a virtual annual spring meeting, last year to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form and in person, via a school 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 including our Annual Spring Parent Meeting.

### 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. Ralph J. Bunche Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of ALL parents and family members including those with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

### Where is it available?

This plan is posted on the school website and available in the front office in two languages (English and Spanish). Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

## 2022-2023 APS District Goals

Through a caring culture of equity, trust, collaboration, every student will graduate ready for college, career, and life. A high performing school district where students love to learn, educators inspire, families engage, and the community trust the system.

### **Bunche Middle School** **2022-2023 Focus Areas:** **Math and ELA**

**Bunche MS Academic Achievement Goals**  
**Increase achievement school-wide in**  
**Math and ELA on the Georgia Milestones.**

**Math Grades 6-7-8 by: 7 %**  
**ELA Grades 6-7-8 by: 7%**

## **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Ralph J. Bunche Middle School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Annual Spring Parent Meeting.

School-parent compacts are shared with parents throughout the school year. Additional copies are available at the school, the PRC (parent resource center), or online at the school website.



## **Let's Get Together!**

Ralph J. Bunche Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. **All** are invited for meetings. Below is a brief look at a few events for this year...

### ***Annual Title I Parent Meeting – September 27, 2022 (6pm)***

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be posted in the school newsletter, social media, school messenger and fliers.

### ***BMS Parent Orientation – Tuesday, August 30, 2022 (445pm-545pm)***

Come out and learn about our schools' expectations. Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

### ***Principal's Coffee & Conversation – September 14, 2022 (10am-1130am) / ongoing***

Come and enjoy a conversation with the Principal. Ask questions, learn helpful information, and more that will help facilitate the school year.

### ***Securely and You! – September 14, 2022 (Noon & 430pm)***

Learn how to go beyond the information on Infinite Campus!

### ***Dual Enrollment & High School Credit Information – September 21, 2022 (445pm)***

All parents, families, and stakeholders are invited to this informational session that includes topics such as the AVA platform, Dual enrollment, High School offerings, AP (advanced placement courses), and so much more!

### ***Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – Monthly ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month (Nov/Dec. TBD)***

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

### ***Financial Literacy 101- October 25, 2022 (6-7pm)***

Families are invited to join us for a financial literacy night presented by a community partner-World System Builder. Parents will learn the basics of starting the steps to build financial/generational wealth. This is an introduction into learning to read and understand math within a family scope.

### ***Literacy & Math Night– October 27, 2022 (445-545pm)***

Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning in ELA and Math.

### ***Next Stop Middle School! – TBD***

Parents from the cluster Elementary Schools are invited to learn of ways to transition their scholars to the next level of education! Meet the principal, counselors, and tour the school!

### ***Next Stop High School! – TBD***

Parents from the cluster Middle Schools are invited to learn of ways to transition their scholars to the next level of education! Meet the principal, counselors, and schedule tours of the high school!

### ***Go Team! –Monthly~ 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month (Subject to change with prior notice)***

Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review school plans.

### ***Annual Spring Parent meeting- TBD***

A forum for parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.





## BMS 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.

Monday – Friday, 10 am – 3 pm

## Parent and Family Engagement

Ralph J. Bunche Middle School 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.

Ralph J. Bunche Middle School is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. We are working on ways to provide virtual and in-person trainings.  
\*We also have a social worker on campus for those needing additional assistance or services.

## Ralph J. Bunche Middle School has a “Bunch” of ways to help bridge the gap between school and home!

Ralph J. Bunche Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- ✓ Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ 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 schoolwide 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.
  - ✓ Offer literacy and computer classes for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels in our Parent Resource Center and Media Center.
  - ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, take feedback via email, and post a 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

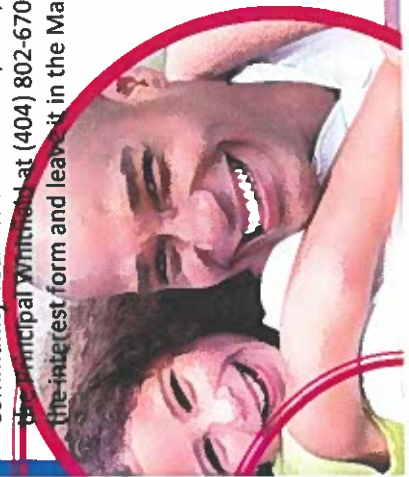
Ralph J. Bunche Middle School and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

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

## School PTSA/ PTO

Ralph J. Bunche Middle School invites all parents to join a school Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community via starting a school PTSA/ PTO. Our school currently has an APS GO Team that will meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month (subject to change with prior notice and no meetings will be held in December) starting at 6pm.

If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team to start a PTSA/ PTO, please contact the Principal Whinnell at (404) 802-6700 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



## School Community Team to Create a PTSA/ PTO

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Share Your Thoughts

Ralph J. Bunche Middle School wants 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 leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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