Family and Community Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2019–2020 School Year

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What is Title I?
Bremen City Schools has one Targeted Assistance Title I school. Jones Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards and to reinforce and enhance efforts 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

District/School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?
This is a plan that describes how Bremen City Schools/Jones Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Bremen City Schools & Jones Elementary 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 Bremen City Schools & Jones Elementary 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.

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. Bremen City Schools & Jones Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?
At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the student handbook that can be accessed by all students and parents online (hard copies are given upon parent or guardian request). As a reminder, we will post the plan to our Jones Elementary website and send a REMIND/email reminder for parents to view the Parental Involvement Policy before the scheduled Open House event. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center located in the media center.

Family Engagement Annual Evaluation
Each year, Bremen City Schools & Jones Elementary School will conduct an evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parent and family engagement policy and family engagement activities to improve the academic quality of our Title 1 school through an annual parent survey and the annual Title 1 Forum. Each spring, we will send home a link to a survey or a paper copy for parents and families to provide valuable feedback regarding the family engagement activities and programs. The link to this survey will also be posted on school and district social media and Web sites for parents to complete. There will also be multiple opportunities during the school year to provide input on the district parent and family engagement policy. At the Title 1 Forum in the spring, discussion will be facilitated on the needs of parents of students eligible for Title 1 services and design strategies for more effective family engagement. Bremen City Schools & Jones Elementary will analyze and use this input from the forums and the survey results to design strategies to improve effective family engagement, to identify and remove possible barriers to parent participation, and to revise its parent and family engagement plans.
2019–20 District Goals

- Formal and informal student assessment results drive instructional planning.
- Continue to maintain and/or increase student achievement.


2019–20 School Goals

80% of all students benchmarked with STAR reading will score at or above the 50th percentile rank and 80% of all students in STAR math will score at or above the 50th percentile rank.


The focus for reading is:
Identification of Words in a sentence, Rhyme, Syllables, Oral Segmentation, Oral Blending, & Phonemic Manipulation

The focus for math is:
Spiral Math Review, GOMath, IXL, Problem Solving and Timed math practice

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, BCS & Jones Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents and teachers 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 and teachers during the School Forum. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child’s teacher if parents need a copy.

Let’s Get Together!

Bremen City Schools & Jones Elementary 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
Meet your child’s teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year. Based on survey feedback, we will have Open House from 12:00-3:00pm and 5:00-6:00pm to give parents multiple opportunities to attend.

 Orientations – July 30 (KD), August 1 (PreK), & August 6 (1st, 2nd, & 3rd)

Title I Meeting – September 10, 2019
We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents’ requirements. Invitations will be sent through REMIND, posted in the school and classroom newsletters, email blast, and school website.

Character Ice Cream Shoppe – Once a month

Fall and Spring Book Fairs – TBA

Teacher/Parent Conferences – October 7, 2019 & February 17, 2020
Scheduled updates on your child’s progress. Review Parent Compact.

BCS STEAM Night – October 22, 2019

PTO Sponsored School Dances – TBA

Taste of Curriculum/Georgia Milestone Assessment – TBA

Title I School Forum – May 12, 2020
A forum for parents to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff soliciting input for the Targeted Assistance plan, parental involvement policy, and school-parent compacts. These discussions will include identifying barriers and developing strategies for more effective parental involvement.
**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, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

**Parental Involvement**
BCS & Jones Elementary believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents 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.

**Strengthening Our School**
This year, the Federal Program Director will provide technical assistance and support to our Title I school to ensure that all parental involvement requirements are being satisfied and that effective parent engagement strategies and activities are being implemented. Jones Elementary will receive notifications and resources from the district to help them improve and strengthen family engagement. In addition to frequent communication and school visits, the district Federal Programs Director in conjunction with the Title I Director will hold meetings and trainings with instructional lead Title I teachers, and school parent involvement coordinators to review family engagement plans and activities. Additionally, the district will convene and host a meeting for the principal and parent involvement coordinator to review parental involvement requirements and plan opportunities for parental involvement activities and meetings for the school year.

**Jones Elementary is Branching Out!**
Bremen City Schools & Jones Elementary 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 posted on the school Web site, and included in school newsletters for all parents.
- Partner with Early Bird and Pre-K programs by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- Share information 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 REMIND, social media, and newsletters.
- 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 child to improve their child’s achievement.
- Offer Summer Learning opportunities for students.

BCS & Jones Elementary 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 in order to participate in our programs.

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Parental Involvement Standards

BCS along with Jones Elementary and our parents believe in and support 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 Community Team

BCS/Jones Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the principal at (770) 537-4352 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

Accessibility

In carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements established by Section 1116 of the ESSA, the district family engagement coordinator will communicate, coordinate, and collaborate with other federal programs district staff to ensure full participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, parents of migratory children including providing information and school reports in a language parents can understand.

School Community Team

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

Name: ____________________________
Child’s Name and Grade: ____________________________

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 leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) ____________________________
Telephone Number: (optional)
Comments: