



# Beaufort County School District

## TITLE I PARENT NEWS



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### Dear Parent or Guardian of students attending Title I Schools:

We need you! For children to be successful in school, parents must be actively engaged in their child's learning. Studies show that parents' involvement in school is more important to their child's academic success than the parents' level of education or income. By showing interest in your child's education, you can spark their enthusiasm, showing them that learning, both inside and outside of school, is enjoyable and rewarding.

Parents can help their child succeed by volunteering in school, reading with their child, assisting with homework assignments, and talking with their child's teachers.

**Remember, to be in your child's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today.**

### Some Parent Right's Ensured by Title I Law

**Teacher Qualification** ~ A parent has the right to request and receive information in a timely manner regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals.

**Student Achievement** ~ Parents will be informed of their child's level of achievement in each of the State academic assessments.

**Title I Parent Involvement Policy** ~ The Parent Involvement Policy for the Beaufort County School District was jointly developed with parental participation to meet the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* and to meet the combined needs of parents, students, and schools. The Policy is distributed to all parents of TITLE I students. Each TITLE I school has a unique parent policy that is supplemental to the district policy.



### Steps You Can Take To Improve Your Children's Education:

Helping out at school ~ Supporting extra-curricular school activities ~ Attending parent-teacher conferences ~  
Checking homework every night ~ Reading together ~ Talking to your children — listening to them too ~  
Expressing high expectations for children ~ Supporting and building self confidence in your children ~  
Discussing your children's progress with the teacher~ Attending PTO/SIC Meetings.

**PARENTS ~ Don't Forget to Tell the Teacher.....** Sharing important information about your child is key in helping teachers understand your child. No one knows more about your child than you do. Plan to share issues that may affect school performance. Students do best when parents and teachers work together as partners. Tell the teacher about:

**Health conditions:** Let your child's teacher know about medical condition that might affect learning. Yes, even if your child wears glasses or takes any medicine.

**Family issues:** Let your child's teacher know about major changes that could affect your child, such as divorce, a death in the family, incarcerated parent, a move, or financial difficulties.

**Personality traits or behavior issues:** Does your child have discipline problems at home or worry about making new friends, let the teacher know.

**Strengths and weaknesses:** Does your child have difficulty concentrating? Does he/she struggle with reading, math, or science? If you tell teachers these things up front, they'll have more time to help your child improve in these areas.



## How to Help Your Children Succeed in School

**Create a routine:** Get up at the same time each morning, eat a healthy breakfast, and **go to school everyday**. Bedtime should be positive and the same time each night. If possible, read to your child at least 15 minutes before turning out the light.

**Avoid morning chaos:** Lay out clothes to be worn, prepare backpacks and sign school forms before bedtime. The morning transition can determine the outlook for the day.

**Provide a quiet place for homework:** Designate a time and place for your child to do homework. If your child does not have homework, use the time to read. Limit the amount of time your child spends watching television, surfing the Internet, and playing video games.

**Build relationships with teachers:** Keep in touch with your child's teachers. Call, send notes, and attend parent/teacher conferences. Volunteer in the classroom, the library, or in the office.

**Teach your child character:** As a parent, you are a role model. Encourage your child to be responsible and to make good choices, both at home and at school.

**Talk with your child:** Talking and listening are major components of children's school success. Make time every day to talk with your child about the day's activities. Children need to know that you are interested and care about them. Encourage your child, support them, and be there for them when they want to talk. They depend on you!

**Encourage your child to read:** The single most important thing that you can do to help your child succeed in school is to teach them the love of reading. Encourage your child to ask about words he or she doesn't understand. Use a dictionary to look up difficult words. Children who develop a love of reading generally do better in school throughout their academic years and into their careers. *Read with your child: The simple act of reading out loud to your child, of all ages, and having them read out loud to you, everyday, is one of the best ways to help them develop reading skills and increase in self-confidence.*



### English Proficiency

The Beaufort County School District enrolls many students who do not speak English as their first language. We know that these students often require additional assistance and resources to improve their proficiency in both speaking and reading English. To learn more about the specific programs offered in various schools, please ask your school's principal, or call the district's EL Coordinator at (843) 322-5407.

### Internet Safety Tips

The internet is a wonderful teaching tool for children. These tips will help you to keep them safe. Keep computers in open areas and not in a child's room. Set clear expectations based on your child's age and maturity. Use filtering software designed to help parents limit the websites children can access. Monitor the sites your children go to. Let them know you are watching them to keep them safe. Watch for on-line bullying. Talk to your child about people who introduce themselves on the Internet are often not who they say they are. Teach your children never to give out personal information online, including full name, gender, age, school, address, or teams.

