

Beaufort County School District Title I Parent Newsletter

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TO: Parents/Guardians 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 children succeed by volunteering in school, reading with them, assisting with homework assignments, and talking with their child's teachers. When schools and parents work together students achieve at high levels!

As a parent of a student enrolled in a Title I school, we want to remind you of your rights under the Title I Law.

- ✓ **Teacher Qualification** – A parent has the right to request and receive information in a timely manner regarding the professional qualifications of their student's classroom teacher 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** – A 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 unique parent policy that is supplemental to the district policy.

Ways to help your child prepare for testing

In this day and age of accountability, students are tested regularly. Often the test is a school-based assessment like the MAP test. But often the test is a high stakes test and the scores have numerous implications. This type of testing is usually done only once or twice a year such as the SC Ready or EOC test. Here are a few quick tips you can use to assist your child with testing:

- ✓ Meet with your child's teacher as often as needed to discuss his or her progress. Ask the teacher to suggest activities for you and your child to do at home to prepare for tests and to improve your child's understanding of schoolwork. Parents and teachers working together benefit students.
- ✓ Provide a quiet, comfortable place for studying at home.
- ✓ Make sure that your child is well rested on school days and especially the day of a test. Children who are tired are less able to pay attention in class or to handle the demands of a test.
- ✓ Give your child a well-rounded diet. A healthy body leads to a healthy, active mind.
- ✓ Provide books and magazines for your child to read at home. By reading new materials, a child learns new words that might appear on a test. Ask your child's school about a suggested outside reading list or get suggestions from the public library.
- ✓ If you have access to the internet, take advantage of websites that offer test prep materials such as www.edhelper.com and www.studyzone.org/testprep/

Source: NWEA Parent Toolkit

IT'S TIME TO REVIEW THE CURRENT PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

You are invited to attend one of the Title I Parent Meetings to review and recommend changes to the current parent involvement policy

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 – Hilton Head Elementary - 5:30 PM (South)
Thursday, January 30, 2020 – Beaufort County District Office - 5:30 PM (North)



For your
Calendar

Nov. 27
Early Dismissal

Nov. 28-29
Thanksgiving

Dec.23-Jan. 6
Winter Break

Jan 1
New Year

Jan. 20
MLK Jr. Day

Jan. 28 or 30
Title I Parent Meeting

Volunteering in the Beaufort County School System!

Beaufort County School District is always looking for good volunteers. Volunteers play an important role in the school environment by promoting student achievement and a positive school culture. As volunteers, parents and other community members provide students with enriched learning experiences by generously sharing their time, talent, special skills, and interests. At the same time, the District is committed to thoroughly screening each potential volunteer with a focus on student safety.

Individuals interested in volunteering will submit an online application and, as a condition to engage in volunteer activities, consent to a criminal record check. The volunteer background check process includes a nation-wide search of criminal data bases and sex offender registries. There is no charge to the volunteer.

How our background check process works:

The school district's volunteer background check process includes a nationwide search of criminal databases and sex offender registries. There is no charge for the background check, and no information about the content or nature of the background check is shared with school principals or staff. Social Security numbers are strictly confidential and are never made available to school personnel.

Please be truthful in your application, and rest assured that a minor infraction in your past will not prevent you from volunteering. To access the application visit beaufortschools.net > Parents > Volunteers.

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete the application and consent for background check online
- Select one or more schools

REVIEW OF VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS

- The review and approval process may take up to 14 days
- Failure to provide required information will result in a delay

CLEARED VOLUNTEERS

- Social Security numbers and background checks are NOT VIEWED by school personnel
- Volunteers should contact the school volunteer coordinator about their status
- Returning volunteers must resubmit the online application annually

Once your application is approved, you will receive a temporary volunteer ID badge via e-mail. You will receive your permanent ID badge in the mail in approximately 10 days. It is good for one year. You must wear the volunteer ID badge at the school site at all times. You will also need to bring a government-issued photo ID when you enter the school to verify your identity.

Reading Tips for Parents

1. Read to preschool children at least 20-30 minutes a day. Have older children read to you. Reading is the most basic of the basic skills. Make reading a natural part of your child's daily routine.

2. Keep good books, magazines and newspapers in the house. Get a library card and use it. Make it easy, both for adults and children, to find something interesting to read.

3. Add to your children's enjoyment of reading by discussing each book they read. It helps them learn to express themselves. You'll enjoy the conversations, too.

4. Make sure your children see you read for at least 20-30 minutes a day. Remember, you're their primary role model.

5. If you have difficulty reading, tell your children stories. Hearing about your family history and your experiences will help your children develop an appreciation of language, storytelling and the past.

6. Limit TV viewing and monitor what your child watches. Studies show that excessive television viewing is directly linked to poor school performance. Inappropriate television programming can also adversely affect your child's behavior.

Source: <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7539/urlt/Parent-Tips.pdf>



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