

What is Title 1

Bolton Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts that support state academic standards and help 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 policy.

SCHOOL PLAN FOR SHARED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how **Bolton Elementary** will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. **Bolton Elementary** 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 **Bolton Elementary** will support family engagement and provide supportive ways that our families can help our scholars excel. The family and school connection is a powerful partnership.

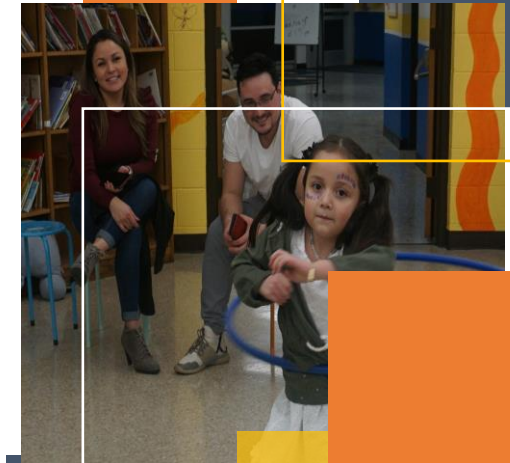
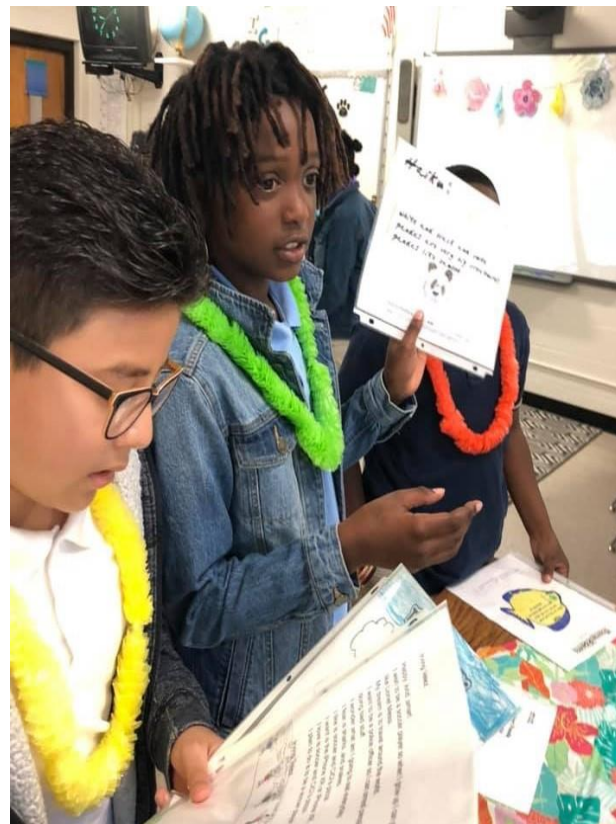
Who is it for?

All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Bolton Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members so that all students grow academically.

Bolton Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2021-2022 School Year
Partners in Practice



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How is it revised?

Bolton Elementary School invites all parents to attend our annual School Forum each Spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement initiatives. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online 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, and by mail, to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members are also welcomed to give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

Where is it available?

Our plan is thoroughly discussed during our annual Title1 Parent Night each September. The plan is also available on our website or by requesting a copy in our main office. For questions or suggestions, contact Cheryl Frazier at cfrazier@wsfcs.k12.nc.us or 336 -703-4247.

School -Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Bolton Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact. A compact is a written agreement that families, teachers, and students jointly develop that explains how everyone will work together to ensure that all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Parent/Family Engagement event and the annual Revision Meeting. The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy. Feedback is always welcome on the compact at any time during the year. Please contact Cheryl Frazier at cfrazier@wsfcs.k12.nc.us or 336-703-4247.

Bolton Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs. You Are Our Why!

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Bolton Elementary 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:

1. That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
2. That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
3. 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
4. The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Opportunities for Involvement

Bolton Elementary 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 meetings for parents and family members will be held at different points throughout the day in the morning, before school, and in the evening at 6:00 pm.

Due to COVID-19 we will adjust and make our sessions virtual if this is still needed.

Annual Title I Meeting – Partners in Practice September 2021

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 emailed and posted on the 1st quarter Thursday Folder packets, social media, and local media.

Parent/Family Engagement Session 1 – October 2021

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Fall Festival-October 2021 (Covid-19 may postpone this)

Our annual night of family fun that provides opportunities for interactive read aloud and other supports for families.

Literacy Night/Read Together 2021 Kick-Off

Parents will enjoy hearing the latest writing samples and curriculum updates.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences –November 2021

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Science Fair Night – November/December 2021

View student science fair projects.

Technology Talk – January 2022

Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning and safety measures to keep our scholars safe when using the web.

Parent/Family Math Night – January 2022

Learn how to make math fun at home. We will also walk through one math standard and demonstrate how it progresses from K-5.

Road to Middle School-February 2022

A meeting with our fifth-grade parents to talk about Middle School Registration and to answer questions they may have. A middle school representative will be present to walk the families through a day in Middle School.

Science Night – April 2022

Sample a little bite from the different areas of your child's academics.

Family Appreciation/Arts Night/Family Wellness Night – April 2022

A celebration of family engagement and the recognition of its impact on school and student success.

WS/FCS Strategic Goals

The new WS/FCS Strategic Goals are:

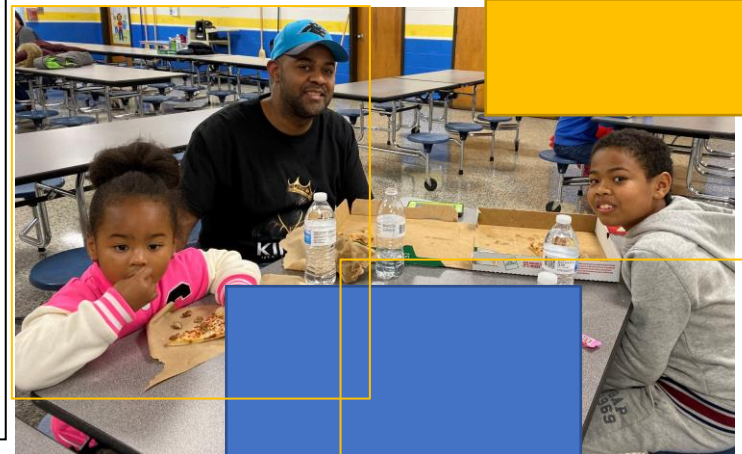
Goal 1: WS/FCS will raise student achievement, close achievement gaps, and enable all students to take ownership of their learning.

Goal 2: WS/FCS will eliminate barriers so that factors of achievement predictability do not impact students' equitable access to learning opportunities. WS/FCS will provide quality instructional facilities and learning environments for all students.

Goal 3: WS/FCS will build and strengthen partnerships and communication with families, local businesses, educational organizations, community agencies and advocacy groups to engage families and community stakeholders in the entire educational process for all students.

Goal 4: WS/FCS will recruit and retain a highly effective and diverse workforce that supports district goals to ensure excellence for all.

Goal 5: WS/FCS will foster an inclusive climate that values the safety and well-being of all students, faculty and staff and foster an environment that creates a sense of belonging.



Bolton Elementary is Branching Out!

Bolton Elementary School is a warm, inviting school where all students are encouraged to strive for excellence academically, socially, and emotionally. We ensure daily that students are welcomed into a safe and supportive atmosphere where their gifts and talents are supported, developed, and nurtured.

Our Mission is to foster the love of learning. We believe that students must develop The Joy of Lifelong Learning: Dream Big, Work Hard, and Expect to Excel! Our emphasis is on helping students understand that hard work and effort will pay off if they are consistent with it.

We understand that our families, school staff, and community work together to make this happen. This is how we plan to accomplish this task.

- ✓ 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 that will be uploaded to Peachjar.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website 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.
- ✓ Events and meetings involving parents will be held at different times during the day/week to make it more convenient for families to attend. Family conferences will be scheduled at a time that accommodates the family's availability.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, Peachjar and our website.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and a post suggestion form on the school website to respond to parent's request for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Parent Resource Materials

Come visit the Parent Resource materials 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: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

PARENT AND FAMILY “PARENTS AS PARTNERS” COMMITTEE

Bolton Elementary invites all families to join the Parent and Family Committee to share ideas and ways to involve others to build partnerships with school, families, and community. The team will meet four times per year, but families are always welcome to submit their ideas or suggestions at any time. If you would like to learn more about the PFE Committee, please contact Cheryl Frazier at (336) 703-4247 or complete the interest form on this sheet and leave it in the main office.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY TEAM

It is our pleasure to partner with our families to ensure that our students have the best possible academic and social experience at school.

You Are Our Why!

TOGETHER

We make our students.....

Ready for Learning!
Ready for College!
Ready for a Career!
Ready for Life!

Thank you for your continued support!

Parent/Family “Parents as Partners” Committee

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

Name: _____

Child’s Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel does not support our goals for student success and 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:

