



**2023-2024**  
**Burney Harris Lyons**  
**Middle School**  
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### **What is Title I?**

Burney-Harris-Lyons Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act. Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards, as well as 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 be jointly developed with parents a written parental involvement policy.

# **Burney Harris Lyons Middle School**

## **Family Engagement Plan**



### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Burney-Harris-Lyons (B-H-L) will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. B-H-L 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 B-H-L 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.

### **How is it revised?**

B-H-L invites parents, staff, and stakeholders to submit comments during our annual Title I Family Engagement Planning Presentation, which is held in the spring. This input provides information that assists us in revising the Family Engagement Plan, as well as the school-wide plan, our school-family compact, and the parent involvement budget. This information is posted on our school website for parents to view, and feedback is accepted throughout the year. All feedback will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. Families can also give feedback during family engagement events, through direct contact with staff and administration, and during Fall and Spring conferences.

### **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. B-H-L will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents speaking limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

### **Where is it available?**

The plan is found online in the Title I Resources and Documentation section of the school's website. It is also provided to all parents at Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences and available anytime in the school's Family Resource Center, which is located in room 488.

## 2023-2024

### B-H-L Middle School Goals

- Increase percent of students demonstrating proficiency in English Language Arts to 40%.
- Increase percent of students reading at or above grade level to 60%.
- Increase percent of students demonstrating typical growth in Reading to 60%.
- Increase percent of students demonstrating proficiency in Mathematics to 40%.
- Increase percent of students demonstrating typical growth in Mathematics to 60%.
- Reduce Office Discipline Referrals by 5%.

### 2023-2024 District Goals

1. Connected Culture- Improve district systems for connecting with the community.
2. Ensure consistent and transparent communication.
3. Strengthen systems of family and community partnerships to expand student opportunities.
4. Develop leader capacity.
5. Provide instructional staff high-quality professional learning and resources.
6. Retain talented teachers and staff.
7. Ensure equitable access to resources and opportunities for all students.
8. Increase consistency of high-quality instruction.
9. Increase access and success with rigorous and relevant learning experiences

### School-Family Compact

B-H-L students and families will develop a School-Family compact, an agreement which explains how we will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed during parent conferences and updated annually based on feedback obtained throughout the year from parents, students, and teachers at events advertised on our website and through weekly announcements as well as during the Title I Family Engagement Meeting. The School-Family Compact is available on the school's website, in the Parent Resource Center, or by contacting the Family Engagement Specialist, She-Ra Gonzalez at gonzalezs@clarke.k12.ga.us or at 706-548-7208 ext.25260.

### Stay Informed!

Lions on the Prowl is B-H-L's Weekly Newsletter. It is updated each Monday morning with news, celebrations, event information, and ways to get involved. Lions on the Prowl is posted weekly on Class Dojo and emailed to students and family members identified as guardians by the school. It can also be found on the school's website and social media accounts.

**B-H-L is on social media.** The school's Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/bhlmiddleschool>, our Twitter is @BHL\_MS, and our Instagram is @bhlmiddle.

### Let's Get Together

B-H-L will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement, to support a partnership between the school, parents, and the community, and in order to improve student academic achievement. Because of the pandemic, events may be virtual or in different formats. They will be at varying times and days in order to provide sufficient opportunities for all stakeholders to participate, listen, and be heard.

- 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Open House-July 31, 2023
- Annual Title I Meeting—September September 12, 2023
- Parent University I/Fall Festival Curriculum Night—September 12, 2023
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration--October 3, 2023
- Fall Parent Conference--October 9-12, 2023
- Parent University II-Lit Lions–Literacy is Everywhere!! -- January 30, 2024
- Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences--March 11-14, 2024
- Parent University III--College & Career Readiness / Title 1 Parent Input Mtg.-- March 19, 2024
- Rising 6th Graders' Parent Night--May 8, 2024

## **B-H-L Supports Our Families and Students**

B-H-L will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school to strengthen the school and reach our school goals.

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish for all parents whenever possible in newsletters and on the school's website.
- Provide training for staff prior to conferences on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events, activities, curriculum, and assessments through school announcements, emails, flyers, websites, and social media.
- Use feedback from 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 and meetings, on the school's website and social media pages and in the Family Resource Center to help them improve and monitor student achievement.
- Collect feedback from parent events, provide families opportunities to have their voices heard through multiple means of communication, and ensure families are aware of happenings through calendars, emails, texts, and online postings.
- Provide families with instructional resources using Campus Parent Portal and Google classroom.



## **Parental/Family Involvement**

B-H-L believes that family involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, meaningful communication regarding student academic learning and other school activities in order to ensure parents:

- Play an integral role in assisting their student's learning.
- Are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Are full partners in their student's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their students.

## **Family Resource Center**

Family resources can be found in room 488. Resources include handbooks, monthly school menus, transportation information, study materials, educational resources, and a list of useful information. You may contact our Family Engagement Specialist, She-Ra Gonzalez via email [gonzalezs@clarke.k12.ga.us](mailto:gonzalezs@clarke.k12.ga.us) or at (706)548-7208 ext. 25260

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