

Parental Involvement

BSES believes that parental involvement means the participation of families in regular and meaningful two-way 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.

What is the School - Family Compact?

The school/family compact explains how parents, teachers, and scholars will work together in the responsibility for scholar learning. The compact was jointly developed by parents and staff to share ideas to improve the academic achievement of all scholars. The Compact and the Family Engagement Plans are reviewed and revised each Spring to make changes based on our scholars' and families' needs.

We encourage all parents/guardians to be a part of the official review process.

Parents and all members of the BSES community are welcome to contribute at any time. Please direct suggestions or questions to our Family Engagement Specialist:

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Barnett Shoals Elementary

2023-2024 School Year

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Find information on Barnett Shoals' website

It contains school and district calendars, links to social media, academic support information, a staff directory, and everything you need to be a part of the Barnett Shoals Bear community.

Find it at
www.clarke.k12.ga.us/barnett

 Follow us on Instagram
[@barnettshoalselementary](https://www.instagram.com/barnettshoalselementary)

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Communication

Barnett Shoals believes that communication between home and school should be meaningful and conducted in several ways.

Some of the ways are:

- Weekly Folders (Fridays)
- ClassDojo
- Bi-weekly newsletters: from the principal and our family engagement specialist (*News from the Den*)
- Classroom & Grade Level Newsletters
- Email, phone calls, and the CCSD mobile Blackboard app

Parent/teacher conferences are conducted in October (11th-12th) and March (13th-14th). This is a great opportunity to discuss student progress as well our school/family compact or other ways we can support students' learning and growth. There will also be a family engagement survey shared with parents & guardians, and we look forward to that feedback.



Get Involved!



Parents and other family members have many opportunities to be involved at BSES, particularly through our FTA, Family Teacher Association.

2023-24 FTA President: Janet Ritter

Facebook group: "Barnett Shoals Elementary FTA School Group (formerly PTO)"

Parents can also volunteer for assisting in the media center, reading with students, etc.! Please contact your child's classroom teacher by email, ClassDojo, or phone to schedule a visit or to volunteer in the classroom.

Barnett Shoals School - Family Compact

At Barnett Shoals we promise to support scholars and their families through:

- Sending home books and resources for reading practice
- Providing personal kits and resources for math activities and practice
- Facilitating scholars in leading parent-teacher conferences in which they discuss the goals they have set and their progress toward those goals
- Leading family nights or events for parents and guardians on understanding curriculum and on learning strategies for use at home
- Teaching and modeling the principles and monthly habits of the Leader in Me program throughout the year

As parents/guardians, we promise to:

- Be mindful of attendance including tardies and early check outs
- Have conversations with our scholar(s) about the school day
- Use Class Dojo and the Friday folder/Agenda as a means of communication
- Practice reading with scholar(s) daily
- Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences and BSES Event nights when possible
- Help encourage personal responsibility and a growth mindset at home

As a scholar, I promise to:

- Do my best to arrive on time for school and ready to learn at the beginning of the school day
- Practice reading every night and do my homework
- Talk at home about what I am learning at school and about my learning goals
- Share the contents of my Friday folder with my parents/guardians
- Follow the Scholar Creed and the 7 Habits!

Questions or in Need of Support?

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District Focus Areas

- By the end of the 2023-2024 school year, the percentage of 3rd-8th grade students scoring proficient or above will be 5% in ELA on the Georgia Milestones Assessment(GMAS).
- From FY23 to FY24, the number of students scoring proficient or above in math will increase by 5% in grades 3rd-8th.
- Increase the percentage of 9th-grade students on target to graduate with their four-year cohort by decreasing the number of students failing one or more courses during their freshman year.
- All CCSD schools will receive a PBIS designation of operational or distinguished on the 2023-2024 Georgia PBIS designation.

Barnett Shoals Focus Areas 2023-2024

Increase student performance in Reading & Math as noted below.
Increase opportunities for student empowerment in academics and the culture and climate of the school.

- By May 2023, K-5 scholars will increase Math Proficiency by 7%, as measured by the GMAS and iReady assessments
- By May 2023, K-5 scholars will increase Language Arts Proficiency by 8%, as measured by the GMAS and iReady assessments.
- Increase opportunities for student empowerment in academics and the culture and climate of the school.

Building Partnerships & Parent Capacity

Back to School Bash/Meet the Teacher
Annual Title One Meeting (Fall)
Math and Literacy Night
Parent University (bimonthly)
Principal Coffee (bimonthly)
Parent Teacher Conferences (Fall and Spring)
FTA (Family Teacher Association) Meetings and Events
LSGT (Local School Governance Team) Meetings
STEM Night
Title One Input Meeting (Spring)

Building Staff Capacity

Peek at the Week (weekly staff message from Admin)
Barnett Shoal Staff Resource Site
Conferences Prep Email
Faculty Meeting Trainings/Presentations
Professional Learning Communities (weekly)
Super Tuesday (extended planning for data review and PL)