



## Bridgewater Academy

### Title 1

October 2018-2019 Newsletter

#### Purpose of Title I

Title I is a federal program that provides opportunities for the children served to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to meet challenging state content standards. Title I resources are distributed to schools where needs are the greatest, to make a difference in the improvement of instruction.

#### Parenting Tips:

Become Involved in Your Child's Education Support extra-curricular school activities Attend parent-teacher conferences Check homework every night Read together Talk to your children — listen to them too Express high expectations for children Support and build self confidence in your children Discuss your children's progress with their teacher Volunteer at your child's school Participate on a parent committee or organization Keep your child's teacher informed about events in your child's life which may affect his/her performance at school ~Communicate with your child's teacher regularly by phone, email, or notes.

#### Components of a Title I School Wide Program

- o A comprehensive needs assessment of the entire school is conducted.
- o School wide reform strategies provide opportunities for all children to meet the State's performance standards.
- o Instruction is conducted by certified staff.
- o Professional development is conducted on a continual basis throughout the year.
- o Activities are conducted to increase parent involvement.
- o Plans are included to provide transitional assistance from pre-school to elementary, from elementary to middle school, and from middle school to high school.
- o Measures are taken to include teachers in decisions about assessment.

#### Title I Participation

Bridgewater Academy continually monitors the implementation of the Title I plan and welcomes input from parents, school staff, and community members regarding its current and future Title I plans. If you would like to participate on the school's Title I planning team or make comments on the plan, please contact Beth Rich, Title I Teacher.

#### Parental Involvement

Parental involvement is an integral part of the Title I program. Parents are encouraged to become partners in helping their children achieve and become actively involved in all aspects of the process of the Title I program, from the writing of the plan to its implementation and evaluation.

A strong connection between the home and school is a key element to student success. Opportunities for active parent participation include, but are not be limited to open house, parent workshops, school-parent compacts, home visitation, parent-teacher organizations, conferences, monthly newsletters, and more.

The legislation requires schools to utilize a portion of their Title I funds to support parent involvement. Parents should contact the school principal with any comments or suggestions regarding the school's parent involvement activities.

#### Parent & Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact

Each Title I school is required to ask for input from parents regarding the development of a parent & family engagement policy and a school parent compact. The Parent & Family Engagement Policy explains how the school intends to involve parents and improve parent programs. The parenting policy also explains how parents may participate in the parenting programs. The school-parent compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the way in which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards. The policy and compact are distributed to all parents of Title I students at the beginning of the school year. Please contact your child's

school if you have suggestions regarding the parenting policy or compact.

### Parent's Right to Know

As a parent of a student, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers and instructional assistants who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for the following information about your child's classroom teachers and requires that school to provide this information in a timely manner.

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade and subjects he/she teaches,
- Whether the teacher is teaching under the emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

For additional information, please contact Mr. Steve Wilson, principal at BWA. You may also access the information at the website below.

- Information may be obtained through the SC State Department of Education's website at: [www:http://ed.sc.gov](http://ed.sc.gov). Once on the home page you will need to type in Educator Qualification Search in the search bar (upper right hand corner). Click on Parents Right to Know. In the middle of the page click Educator Qualification Link then enter the teacher or school name,

### Title I Expenditures for 2017-2018 for Bridgewater Academy

- The ESSA legislation includes provisions for all children to score "Met Standard or "Exemplary" on SC PASS by the end of the 2017-2018 school year. The activities listed below are included in the school's Title I plan that was jointly developed by the members of the school's Title I planning team.
- Title I Teacher to provide additional academic instruction in small groups in ELA and Math. • Opportunities for professional development for school staff • Additional teaching supplies & materials which supplement regular instruction • Technology
- Tutor to work with struggling students in computer lab before and after school day in ELA and Math

- Parent involvement and family literacy activities

### Parent Information and Resource Center

Parents please visit our schools Parent Information and Resource Center located in Room 106.

#### Title I Plan

Parents have the opportunity to provide comments on the school wide program plan. The Title I plan and comment form is located in Room 106. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

#### Title I Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars

October 17 "Technology Meeting" 7:30-8:30 am in the Media Center Room 210. You will receive information on the technology your student is using in the classroom.

December 12 "Bingo for Books" 4:30-5:30 pm to be held in the cafeteria. You will learn how to reinforce reading skills at home a win donated books by playing Holiday Bingo!

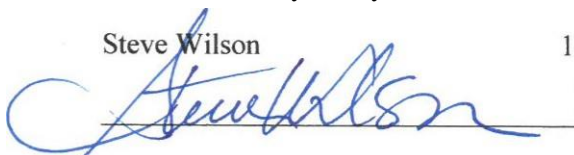
#### Title I District Level Parent Survey

Parents we need your help in evaluating the Title I parenting program. Please take a few minutes and complete this parenting survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCSTitleIParentSurvey> (Note: The I in the word "TitleI" above is a capital i.) The survey can be taken at home or at our school. Please feel free to pick up a paper and pencil copy if needed.

To access the District Level Parenting and Family Engagement Policy online use the following link: <https://www.horrycountyschools.net/Page/334> If you have comments or suggestions on the district level parenting policy feel free to complete the comment form online or contact Margaret Sordian by phone (843)-488-7018 or by email [msordian@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:msordian@horrycountyschools.net).

Steve Wilson

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