



We believe middle school can be the most exciting part of a child’s education. At Battle Creek Middle, teachers not only teach students, but partner with them and their families to provide encouragement and inspiration.

The Family Engagement Plan (FEP) is organized into four impact areas. We will be working together this year to build positive and goal-oriented relationships in each area. Families and staff at school developed this plan together.

Welcoming Environment	
<p>Our school has staff member(s) available for families to discuss this plan and ask questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family Liaison: Sherry Saxton 651-744-3403 Social Worker Special Education Tina Grant & Carrie Johnson School Social Worker, Katherine Gorham Principal: LaNisha Paddock
<p>Our school communicates with families in many ways.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have an active presence on social media: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Our school newsletter is available weekly on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. You may also receive the newsletter via email. We utilize email, Connect Ed phone calls and Blackboard texting to transmit information. Teachers reach out through phone calls, email, and notes home. Check our website to keep up to date:https://www.spps.org/BCMS ● We do our best to respond within 24 hours to all communication. Families can always set up meetings with staff and teachers by calling 651-293-8960. When requested, we will do our best to provide translators. ● Families can monitor attendance and grades through the Portal and Schoology. ● BCMS will provide opportunities for families to gather and communicate
<p>The achievement gap, or rather the “opportunity gap,” between students of color and white students in SPPS is unacceptable. Our school is working to change practices and systems by</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For more about our work on racial equity, contact: Ma’lene Walker : Assistant Principal, PBIS Team, Leadership Team

<p>identifying the barriers that make it harder for students of color to succeed and for families to support their learning.</p>	<p>Paul Richardson : Assistant Principal, PBIS Team, Leadership Team Cultural Specialists</p>
<p>Transitions between schools can be challenging, and we work to help families as their children start and leave our school.</p>	<p>For new students and families, we support the transition by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● August BCMS Kick Off for the entire school community, with special attention paid to incoming students (welcome information, meet the staff, after school program information, Title One information). September Open House and Title One Meeting (If you miss the event, you can schedule a walk through with the family liaison anytime: call 651-293-8960 for appointment.) ● Counselor visits to feeder Elementary schools, Elementary schools invited for tours. Eighth graders visit high schools, alumni return to speak. <p>For students and families moving to the next school in their pathway, we support the transition by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For outgoing 8th graders: classroom visits from BCMS graduates, tours to Harding and Johnson. ● Incoming Registration Night in May

<p align="center">Family Partnerships</p>	
<p>Our school-parent compact establishes the shared responsibility for student success between the school, families, and students. Families and teachers work together to develop the compact.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Copies of the compact are available: In the office, online, on display in building. They are also sent home via students in September. ● The compact will be updated: Every spring.
<p>There are many opportunities for families to build connections to the school and to each other.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Title I Annual Meeting where we will share information about school programs ● Regular Family Forum events, evening and morning times offered. ● National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) will be on February 10, 2020, Hmong New Year celebration, Honors Night, Music Department concerts, Flipside Showcase, FunRun in June, and the BCMS Carnival. ● Parents and guardians are invited to chaperone BCMS fieldtrips, athletic events, and “student versus staff” competitions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conference Nights: We will invite community resource liaisons to be on hand during conferences.
<p>We work to make these meetings and events available for every family in the school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conference information will be translated into our most used primary languages. Family Engagement information will be translated as well, and in the event it isn't, families will be alerted that they can request translations at any time. ● Transportation and interpreters will be offered for all on-site meetings. Food and beverage will be provided. ● Both translated Connect Ed phone calls and flyers will be available.
<p>Our school supports families as advocates and provides opportunities for parent leadership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BCMS will hold breakout sessions for iUpdate, Parent Portal, and Schoology during open house. We will actively seek family input into the effectiveness of these communication tools. ● Families are invited 2-4 times a year to share information about their students and the school. ● Parents and guardians can volunteer to judge History Day submissions and other academic competitions. ● The Leadership Team will invite at least one parent or guardian to sit on the Team. ● The Family Liaison will provide professional development created in conjunction with BCMS families at one staff meeting, and will share updates at Leadership Team Meetings. ● Families will be invited to add input into school improvement planning via surveys and open discussion meetings at Family Nights and other on site meetings.

<p>Our school shares information about state standards, assessment, student achievement with families in multiple ways</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Report cards and progress reports will be distributed via email and at conferences: quarterly. ● Parent-Teacher conferences are held twice in October and once in March. ● Promise Fellow interns. ● Grade-specific Family Nights, Parent Portal, iUpdate, and Schoology assistance evenings. ● Family Forum meetings specific to Title One requirements: FEP and SCIP and Compact. We will actively seek parent/guardian feedback and suggestions.
<p>Our school will engage in personalized learning as a key strategy to accelerate student achievement. Parents can get more information using many tools.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent log-in information can be accessed at spps.org/onestop or by asking the school clerk ● iPads - will offer tutorial in the fall ● Teachers have an on-site reading specialist to coach them through adding new strategies to their skill sets. ● Schoology– information shared at Open House, Orientation, Conferences, and on the website.
<p>Many before- and after-school enrichment and support opportunities are available for students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Flipside ● Theater Mu, Climb Theatre ● Debate ● Athletics ● WEB Leadership ● Dare2BReal ● Genius Squad ● JK Movement

<p align="center">Community Partnerships</p>	
<p>Our school develops community partnerships to provide additional support for students and their families</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3M, Theater Mu, Climb Theatre, The Sheridan Story Food Assistance, Pilgrim Cleaners Winter Coat Donation, TRIO, Science Fair, History Day, Marvelous Mitten Makers, Menstrual Equity assistance, The Panther Pantry (hygiene supplies students can access for free), and starting in fall 2018, a “Take a Book/Leave a Book” lending library in the office, with both YA and adult books.

Translations of this material are available by calling 651-293-8960.

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