

# BERKMAR HIGH SCHOOL

## THE PLAN... THE PROMISE... 2020-2021



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### What Is a Family AND Community Engagement Plan?

It is a plan that describes how our school will provide opportunities to improve family engagement that will support student learning at school and at home. All students and their families are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. The school will provide information and as many opportunities as possible for the participation of all family members.

### What is a School-Family Promise?

It is a written agreement that outlines how the school, the students, and the family will work together to ensure your child's academic success. An effective School-Family Promise contains the following elements:

- Clear learning goals that are linked to the school's improvement plan
- Specific skills students will learn during the year
- Strategies that staff, families, and students will use to improve student learning
- Ways to extend learning at home
- Methods teachers and family members will use to communicate about student progress
- Opportunities for family members to observe and participate in the classroom
- Jointly-developed by families, school staff, students, community business partners, and other stakeholders during our Planning Meeting
- Reviewed and revised throughout the year
- Upon enrollment, families are encouraged to establish a MyPaymentsPlus account where they will review and acknowledge they have reviewed the plan and promise. This document will be revisited during the spring Parent-Teacher Conferences and periodically throughout the school year during scheduled parent-teacher-student conferences.

### LET'S TALK

Berkmar High School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about student learning. Some of the ways we can foster effective communication include: Parent/Teacher Conferences, Parent Portal, email, phone conference, teacher websites, and parent visits to their student's classrooms. To arrange such a visit, please call Dr. Kelly Walter at 770-806-3700.

*If you need interpretation and/or translation services, please contact Berkmar High School at 770-806-3700.*

### ACTIVITIES TO BUILD OUR PARTNERSHIP

Parents are encouraged to join us for these important parent workshops.

*BHS Open House, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade*

*BHS Open House, 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade*

*Annual Title I Parent Meeting, AM & PM*

*Graduation and Promotion Requirements (Semester 1 & 2)*

*Using the Parent Portal, eCLASS, and My Payment Plus  
Importance of Daily Attendance*

*Parent-Teacher Conference Night, Semester 1*

*Parent-Teacher Conference Night, Semester 2*

*Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation*

*Title I Planning Meeting*

Times and dates for parent workshops will be posted on Berkmar High School's webpage, under the Parent Center tab, [www.gcpsk12.org/BerkmarHS](http://www.gcpsk12.org/BerkmarHS).

### WHERE IS THE PLAN AVAILABLE?

The Family and Community Engagement Plan and all other Title I information are available on our school's website at ([www.gcpsk12.org/BerkmarHS](http://www.gcpsk12.org/BerkmarHS)) under the Title I Section. Families can also find paper copies of this Family and Community Engagement Plan in our Parent Center.

## HOW IS THE PLAN DEVELOPED AND REVISED?

It is reviewed and revised at least annually during the Planning Meeting in the spring. All feedback forms from the Planning Meeting are submitted to the Office of Federal Programs for review. Families who are not able to attend the Planning Meeting have the opportunity to review draft documents and provide input during the draft document review period.



## COMMUNICATION

We will communicate, to the extent feasible, all information with you in a language and format you understand. We will provide interpreters during parent workshops and academic events whenever possible. Translation is available for most documents.

To schedule a meeting for your student, please email or call their administrator or counselor at 770-806-3700.

## ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING FAMILIES WITH...

- ❖ **Title I Program Information:** Program information is available during the Title I Planning Meeting in the spring and Annual Parent Meetings in the fall, on the school website, and in the Parent Center.
- ❖ **Curriculum Information:** Knowing what your child is learning at school is important. We will keep you informed throughout the year about what your child is learning during parent meetings, conferences, eCLASS, and on our school website.
- ❖ **Student Progress Monitoring:** The Parent Portal is an online resource that allows families to view grades, attendance, schedules, assessment results, course history, and much more. Monitoring your child's progress in school is an important way to be engaged.
- ❖ **Parent Resources:** We have many resources available for checkout to use at home with your child. We also host several parent workshops to empower you as you work with your child at home.
- ❖ **Staff Training:** We will train our staff to effectively communicate with you. Your input on how we train our staff is valuable.
- ❖ **Communication:** We will communicate, to the extent feasible, all information with you in a language and format you understand. Whenever possible, we will provide interpreters during parent workshops, and academic events. Translation is available for most documents.
- ❖ **Transition Support:** Entering a new school can be scary for both students and families. We will host events to make sure both you and your child are aware of what is expected and how you can prepare as your child transitions to a new school.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Title I is a federal program designed to support school reform efforts to improve teaching and learning for all students.
- ✓ Title I programs are based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement.
- ✓ All Title I schools jointly develop a Family and Community Engagement Plan with families.
- ✓ The Title I Office reserves at least one percent of the district's allocation to fund family and community engagement programs. The use of these funds is based on suggestions gathered at our spring Planning Meetings from families and community members. Funds are distributed equally to all our Title I schools.
- ✓ Childcare and/or transportation may be provided for meetings and school events.

"The mission of Berkmar High School is to graduate students who are prepared for college and careers."

## OUR DISTRICT GOALS

**Language Arts:** All students will graduate as analytical readers, writers, and communicators of language.

**Math:** Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency through a deep understanding of numeracy with the ability to compute with fluency, think critically, and communicate their mathematical reasoning effectively.

**Science:** Students will develop a strong content understanding in the Earth, life, and physical sciences as well as develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

**Social Studies:** Students will develop a strong understanding of themselves and their role and responsibility in society by discovering the heritage of their nation within a global context.

## OUR SCHOOL GOALS

We will provide all students with high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment to meet high academic standards.

Berkmar High School's four-year cohort graduation rate will increase to 85% by 2020-21.

Berkmar High School will reduce the number of absences and discipline incidents per grade level by 5% during the 2020-21 school year.

Berkmar High School will improve its overall 2021 assessment scores by 3 points over the 2020 assessment scores.

Berkmar High School will increase the meets and/or exceeds percentages on the 2021 Social Studies and Science Gateway exams by 3 points over the 2020 scores.

## WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE SUCCESS



### *Berkmar High School will...*

- teach the parents the requirements needed for promotion and graduation and the importance of earning a diploma.
- inform parents of the extended learning time programs, such as, credit recovery and Gateway intervention classes.

*Durrant Williams 5/14/2020*

Principal's Signature

Date



### *As Students, we will...*

- demonstrate an understanding of the graduation and promotion requirements by passing the required courses and assessments.
- when needed, attend credit recovery and Gateway intervention classes to help stay on track to graduate.

### *As Families, we will...*

- attend parent workshops to learn about the required courses and assessments that are needed to graduate on time.
- provide support for our student to attend credit recovery classes and Gateway intervention classes, when needed.



## VISIT OUR PARENT CENTER

Our Parent Center has booklets, workshop handouts, tutoring schedules and many other resources available for families to checkout and use at home. Our Parent Instructional Coordinator is Mary Berkson. She is available to help you find resources, navigate the Parent Portal, connect with teachers, and learn about ways you can help your children at home.

Our Parent Center is located in room 8.237, located in the first hall to the right after you enter the Main Lobby.

Hours of operation are 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, or by appointment

Please contact Mary Berkson for additional information about our Parent Center and resources available to take home.

770-806-3719

[mary.berkson@gcpsk12.org](mailto:mary.berkson@gcpsk12.org)



Please contact our school to learn more about volunteer opportunities and joining PTSA. Additional dates and times of events may be found on Berkmar High School's website.

To arrange a classroom visit or observation, please call Dr. Kelly Walter at 770-806-3700.