



## **Berkeley County Schools District Wide Family and Community Engagement Policy**

*To strengthen both our community and student academic achievement, Berkeley County Schools is committed to the involvement of the community and specifically the families of our students with their education. In addition, each school district that receives Title I, Part A funds must develop jointly with, and distribute to, parents of participating children a written family involvement policy that contains information required by section 1118(a)(2) of the Every Student Succeeds Act.*

### **Berkeley County Schools will:**

- ◆ Provide technical assistance and support for schools in their efforts to initiate parent involvement.
- ◆ Coordinate Parent Involvement opportunities across multiple programs, both educational and community based.
- ◆ Assist all parents in support of resources, guidance, and educational supports for their children.
- ◆ Conduct meaningful consultation with parents through meetings, interviews, surveys...etc. to identify barriers, needs, and evaluation.
- ◆ Provide Parent Involvement training to district personnel through the coordination of Title II legislation and resources.

### **Every school receiving funds from ESSA will:**

- ◆ Hold an annual meeting informing parents of the details of their designation as a Title 1 school.
- ◆ Offer multiple, flexibly scheduled opportunities for parents to be involved in the school
- ◆ Involve parents in the creation of a school wide plan and focus based on student achievement and needs.
- ◆ Jointly develop a compact, on the commitments of each party to meet the needs of the students.
- ◆ Elicit feedback from parents on their needs and provide feedback to the LEA and SEA.

### **Local Plan Overview:**

The Berkeley County Schools Federal Programs Department has committed to a partnership with the Family Leadership Institute to provide parents, school personnel, and community agencies with access to parenting classes and resources. This program is research based through the Search Institute and is based on the 40 Developmental Assets. The 40 Developmental Assets are a set of factors that can be nurtured and established in children to virtually guarantee them stronger outcomes in academics, health and general wellness. The school district is committed to giving parents the tools to develop these assets in our youth and also committed to involving various community agencies to direct services appropriately and to have a collective impact on the youth of our district.

***For more information on our program, visit:***

<http://www.berkeleycountyschools.org/Page/4853>

<http://www.search-institute.org/research/assets/assetpower>

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