BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Year of Parent Involvement

Before School Starts

___ If your child is entering a new school, register early and take your child to visit the school.
___ Make sure health records and vaccinations are current.
___ Encourage your child to complete summer reading.
___ Gather school supplies.
___ Attend any Welcome Back school functions.
___ Plan with your child an area and time for homework.
___ Talk with your child about the importance of education and daily attendance.

Opening Week

___ Set routines with a good night’s sleep and a nutritious meal.
___ Discuss with your child transportation arrangements.
___ Fill out and return school forms; e.g., emergency cards, and lunch applications.
___ Discuss with your child and sign the BCPS Student Handbook.
___ Encourage a positive attitude and help your child set learning goals.
___ Talk with your child about a balanced schedule including school, work, and other activities.

Pre-American Education Week

___ Schedule time from work to visit your child’s school.
___ Volunteer to help during American Education Week.

American Education Week

___ Visit the school.
___ Observe the classroom to discuss what your child is learning.
___ If needed, schedule a parent/teacher/student conference.

Interims (distributed halfway through each quarter)

___ Review interim reports with your child.
___ Discuss learning goals, expectations, and procedures for completing school work.
___ If needed, schedule a parent/teacher/student conference.

Early in the Year

___ Review Baltimore County Public Schools’ information calendar.
___ Attend Back-To-School Night.
___ Join the PTA; mark meeting dates on your calendar.
___ Sign up for volunteer opportunities.
___ Establish a routine of reviewing your child’s homework and encouraging your child to commit to studying.

Report Cards

___ Review the report card with your child.
___ Discuss learning goals, expectations, and procedures for completing school work.
___ If needed, schedule a parent/teacher/student conference.
___ Sign and return the report card envelope.
___ Check to see if your child needs more school supplies (paper, pencils, etc.).

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

___ Schedule a conference.
___ Develop an action plan with the teacher and your child.
___ Discuss the action plan and goals with your child.
___ Continue to keep in touch with the teacher, and review the action plan.
___ Monitor your child’s progress.

Assessments/Tests

___ Be aware when tests and assessments are scheduled.
___ Assist your child in preparing for tests.
___ Ensure a good night’s rest and provide a nutritious breakfast.
___ Encourage your child to his/her best.

End of the Year

___ Plan to attend end-of-year events.
___ Send notes of appreciation to teacher(s) and staff (Teacher Appreciation Week is in early May).
___ Plan for summer reading.
___ Arrange for summer learning activities and, if necessary, tutoring and/or summer school.
___ Schedule an end-of-year conference, if necessary.