School, Parent And Family Engagement Policy  

4020 BENTON ELEM.

SCHOOL, PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

All check boxes marked in this policy indicate an assurance on the part of the school.

Type of Title I.A program

- Schoolwide
- Targeted

This school parent and family engagement policy is developed jointly with, distributed to, and agreed on with parents of participating children, including parents of migrant and EL children. Section 1116(b)(1)

Describe how the school seeks and obtains the agreement of parents to the parent and family engagement policy.

Benton Elementary parents are involved and informed of plans via parent nights at school and the parent student compact is completed annually. The Title I.A information will be shared at the annual Title I.A Informational Meeting prior to the Fall 2023 back to school night. Title I.A information is also shared at monthly PTO meetings, family newsletters, and during the parent involvement activities hosted by Benton.

Parents are notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format. Section 1116(b)(1)

The school parent and family engagement policy is provided in a language the parents can understand. Section 1116(b)(1)

POLICY INVOLVEMENT

At the beginning of the school year, the school convenes an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children are invited and encouraged to attend. Section 1116 (c)(1)

The agenda reflects that the purpose of the meeting is

- To inform parents of their school’s participation in the Title I.A program
- To explain the requirements of Title I.A
- To explain the right of parents to be involved.
  Section 1116 (c)(1)

The school offers a flexible number of meetings. Section 1116 (c)(2)
Using Title I.A funds, to promote parental involvement the school provides (check all that apply)

- Transportation
- Child care
- Home visits
- **Funds will not be utilized for these purposes**

*Section 1116 (c)(2)*

The school involves parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way:

- **In the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I.A program and if applicable Schoolwide program plan in the school. Section 1116 (c)(3)**

Describe how parents are involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I.A program and if applicable Schoolwide program plan in the school.

- Parent/Teacher conferences.
- Parent Surveys at the end of the year.
- Parent feedback when a student is dismissed from supplemental services
- Parent review/evaluation after family activity events.

- **In the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy. Section 1116 (c)(3)**

Describe how parents are involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy.

- Benton Elementary parents are involved and informed of the family engagement expectations via the Annual Title I.A Information Night in the fall prior to the Back to School Night. A parent compact is sent home at the start of each school year. Review of the compact takes place at parent-planning meetings throughout the year.

The school provides parents of participating children:

- **Timely information about the Title I.A programs. Section 1116 (c)(4)(A)**

Describe plans to provide information about the Title I.A programs.

- Parents are notified of Title I.A events via classroom newsletters, principal newsletters, school social media accounts, as well as flyers/notes sent home with each student.

- **A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments that are used to measure progress, and the achievement levels of the MAP assessment. Section 1116 (c)(4)(B)**

Describe methods and plans to provide a description and explanation of the curriculum, academic assessments, and MAP achievement levels.
Academic information is shared with all parents during the Fall parent/teacher conferences. MAP results are shared with families per DESE requirements. MAP achievement level explanations are sent in conjunction with student scores. Families are also contacted after the 2nd diagnostic assessment in January to inform them of their child's current level of achievement.

☑ Opportunities, as appropriate, to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. Section 1116 (c)(4)(C)

☑ Responses to their suggestions as soon as possible. Section 1116 (c)(4)(C)

**SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIGH STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

**School-Parent Compact**

The School-Parent Compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards. Section 1116 (d)

☑ The school jointly develops with parents of Title I.A served children the school-parent compact.

The school-parent compact will

☑ Describe the ways in which all parents will be responsible for supporting their children’s learning. Section 1116 (d)(1)

Parents are to ensure that their child is in attendance and on time every day. Show an interest in the day-to-day happenings at school. Encourage them to read and give them an appropriate place to work at home. Create a partnership with the school with the goal of doing what is best for their child.

☑ Describe the school’s responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment. Section 1116 (d)(1)

Benton Elementary School will retain highly qualified administration and teachers.
Benton will provide research proven instructional strategies, materials, and highly qualified professional development throughout the school year.
The school uses and implements a multi-tiered system of support to ensure the needs of each student are identified and monitored using data to pinpoint interventions needed for success.
Benton will create a safe and positive school environment.

☑ Addresses the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum

☑ Conducting parent-teacher conferences at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed

☑ Issuing frequent reports to parents on their children’s progress
BUILDING CAPACITY FOR INVOLVEMENT

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, the school

- Provides assistance to parents, as appropriate, in understanding
  - the Missouri Learning Standards,
  - the Missouri Assessment Program,
  - local assessments,
  - how to monitor a child’s progress, and
  - how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.  
  *Section 1116 (e)(1)*

Describe plans to provide assistance.

Parent / teacher conferences are utilized for every student in order to bridge the school-parent relationship. Strategies for working with students at home will be provided during the Fall and Spring Title I parent nights. Benton will provide a multi-tiered system of support for all students.

- Provides materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement.  *Section 1116 (e)(2)*

Describe plans to provide materials and training.

Information is shared at Parent/ Teacher conferences, on social media, class/principal newsletters and with individual student’s families as needed.

- Educates teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school.  *Section 1116 (e)(3)*

Describe plans to educate school personnel regarding working with parents.

Throughout the school year during staff meetings, PD will be provided with strategies for connecting with and building positive parent relationships. Administrators will share the district’s family engagement plan with staff. Other PD will be provided on an as needed basis.

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, the school

- To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinates and integrates parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conducts other
activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. Section 1116 (e)(4)

Describe plans to coordinate and integrate.

Title I.A Family Nights will be held twice a year. The Neosho Public Library will hold a summer reading program in which participation will be encouraged. Collaboration with the Early Childhood program to ensure Kindergarten readiness. Summer school will be available for reading enhancement.

Ensures that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, in a language the parents can understand. Section 1116 (e)(5)

Provides reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request. Section 1116 (e)(14)

Optional additional assurances

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, the school: (optional; check if applicable)

- Involves parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of parent involvement training. Section 1116 (e)(6)
- Provides necessary literacy training from Title I funds if the local educational agency has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for literacy training. Section 1116 (e)(7)
- Pays reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions. Section 1116 (e)(8)
- Trains parents to enhance the involvement of other parents. Section 1116 (e)(9)
- Arranges school meetings at a variety of times, or conducts in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation. Adopts and implements model approaches to improving parental involvement. Section 1116 (e)(10)
- May adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement. Section 1116 (e)(11)
- Establishes a districtwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I programs. Section 1116 (e)(12)
- May develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities. Section 1116 (e)(13)

ACCESSIBILITY

In carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements of the Title I program, the school, to the extent practicable,

- Provides opportunities for the informed participation of parents and family members, including:
  - Parent and family members who have limited English proficiency.
  - Parent and family members with disabilities.
  - Parent and family members of migratory children.
RISE Elementary School replaces Central Elementary School which closed at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Teachers from all elementary schools applied for teaching positions. Parents applied for their children to attend and students were chosen through a lottery process with demographics to mirror other elementary schools in the district. The Teaching Methods Coach is also a...