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**Bismarck School  
Title One Programs**

To: Parents of Bismarck Elementary and Middle School Students  
From: Bismarck Title One Programs  
Date: August 14th, 2018  
Re: Parent Involvement Policy

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Your participation in your child's education is important to us. Because of this we have developed a Parent, Family, and Community Engagement plan for our school. This plan explains our process to work with parents to review and improve parent programs and describes how you can participate in planning these programs. We value your involvement and urge you to take the time to read this policy.

- 1) Parent, Family, and Community Engagement plans are included in your school handbook. Federal law requires us to distribute our Parent & Family & Community Engagement plans to parents so we included this in your school handbook.
- 2) The Bismarck School District Parent, Family, and Community Engagement policy can be found on our District website in our District Policies.
- 3) Attached is a copy of the *Bismarck School Parent Compact* that outlines how the school, parents, and students can build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

Also attached, is your "*Parents' Right to Know*" letter.

If you have any questions, contact Nancy Scott, Federal Programs Coordinator @ 501-865-4888.

**Please sign this form below and return it to school.**  
**Keep the Parent Compact and Right to Know Letter**

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I have received the *Bismarck Elementary/Middle Title One Parent Involvement Plan* in the handbook.

I have received the *Bismarck Elementary/Middle School Parent Compact, and the Parents Right to Know Letter* attached.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Print Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

# **BISMARCK SCHOOL PARENT COMPACT**

## **2018-2019**

**PARENTS: PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE AND THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR YOUR PERSONAL RECORDS – COMPLETE AND RETURN PAGE ONE**

Bismarck School, the parents of the student listed above, and the student participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the student will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards. This school-parent compact is in effect during school year 2018/2019.

### **Bismarck School Responsibilities**

Bismarck School will:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet Arkansas' student academic achievement standards. Instruction and activities will be based on the Arkansas State Standards and measured using the ACT Aspire and NWEA Assessment.
2. Hold parent-teacher conferences on October 25, 2018 and February 21, 2019 during which this compact will be discussed as it related to the individual child's achievement.
3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Parents will receive progress reports and a nine weeks summative report on student progress.
4. Provide parents reasonable access to the teaching staff during daily conference periods.
5. Provided parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities as agreed by the teacher and parent in collaboration during conference.

### **Parent Responsibilities**

We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Monitoring attendance.
- Making sure that homework is complete.
- Monitoring the amount of television viewed.
- Volunteering in my child's classroom.
- Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my children's education.
- Promoting positive use of my child's extracurricular time.
- Staying informed about my child's education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district either received by my child or by mail and responding, as appropriate.

### **Student Responsibilities**

1. Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need it.
2. Read every day outside of school time.
3. Give to my parents/guardians all notices and information received by me from school.

**Bismarck School District**  
**Parents' Right-To-Know Letter**  
**2018-2019**

August 14, 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Bismarck Elementary and Middle Schools receive federal funds for Title I, Part A programs. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law as it relates to your child's education. This letter lets you know about your right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child. Our district or school will be able to provide you with the following information regarding the qualifications of your child's teacher(s):

1. Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.
3. Whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and the field of discipline of the teacher's certification or degree.

If at any time your student has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher(s) that is not highly qualified, then you will be notified by the school.

You also have the right to request information regarding the qualifications of the paraprofessional(s) assisting your child's teacher(s). If your child is receiving Title I, Part A services from a paraprofessional, then our district or school is able to provide you with the following information:

1. Whether the paraprofessional has completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education.
2. Whether the paraprofessional has completed an associate's degree (or higher).
3. Whether the paraprofessional has met a rigorous standard of quality through our state's certification procedure for determining the quality of paraprofessional staff.
4. Whether the paraprofessional has: (a) the knowledge of and ability to assist in instructing reading, writing, and mathematics or (b) the knowledge of and the ability to assist in learning activities, such as homework, reading readiness, writing, mathematics, and other support as appropriate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school principal.

To request this information please contact your child's school by phone at 501-865-4543 or by e-mail at [ellen.coleman@bsd-lions.net](mailto:ellen.coleman@bsd-lions.net).

Sincerely,  
Susan Kissire  
Superintendent