

BHESA's Title I Parent Engagement Policy

Statement of Purpose:

At Benton Heights Elementary, we believe that parent participation is an integral part of the education of the students in our Title I Program. They are our partners in teaching and nurturing. Every effort to invite and consider parent and community input is made to ensure the success of our students. We also believe that parents should collaboratively assist the Title I personnel in designing the instructional program, overseeing the implementation process, and evaluating results within the accepted limits of federal regulations.

Procedures for Parental Engagement:

Student Progress

- Providing progress notes on mid-term, and report cards each 9-week term
- Timely parent / teacher conferences as required and/or needed throughout the year
- Internet access to student grades and assignments via Home Base
- We strongly encourage parent / teacher conferences for every student at the end of the first grading period.

Curriculum Information

- Informing each child's parents of curricular expectations by sending UCPS pamphlets
- Inviting parents to learn more about classroom content and expectations during curriculum nights scheduled throughout the year
- Providing materials and suggestions to parents to help them promote the education of their children at home

Communication with the Home

- Providing timely responses to parents' questions
- Utilizing students' agendas and communication folders to communicate homework and student / parent / teacher concerns, praise and other information
- Employing a parent / student / teacher / school liaison to help make communicating across prominent languages more productive
- Consulting with parents about how the school can work with parents to achieve the program's objectives through "Boost Our Tigers" (our parent involvement organization)
- Providing a Student Handbook to help parents and students know the school's expectations in all areas
- Weekly Connect Ed messages from the principal to inform about current school events
- Utilization of social media (Twitter, Facebook)
- Consistent updates to BHESA website
- Monthly grade level newsletters to home

Community Interaction

- Encouraging participation of parents in school activities
- Notifying all parents in the Union County Public Schools' District of the Annual Parent Engagement (Public Hearing) Meeting
- A variety of business partnerships (arts, churches, charities, and special events)

School Progress

- Evaluating annually the process of parent / community engagement to specifically look at barriers, level of involvement, and strategies to increase engagement of all populations
- Maintaining a positive relationship with "Boost Our Tigers" an organization to promote student / parent / teacher and home / school relationships
- Providing system and school report cards to document academic performance on a yearly basis

Benton Heights Elementary School of the Arts is committed to creating a safe, arts enriched, academically challenging, and positive learning environment that will prepare students for a successful future in a global society. We affirm the right of each student to fulfill his or her individual potential.



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