



## Title 1 Parent Engagement Plan Buies Creek Elementary 2019-20

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, **Buies Creek Elementary** receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop and agree with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

**Buies Creek Elementary** agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESSA in an understandable and uniform format and including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.
- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- (B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- (C) Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child
- (D) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA

In accordance with Title I guidance, section 1118(b), Buies Creek Elementary will maintain a written parent engagement policy that focuses on programs, activities, and procedures both planned and implemented collaboratively with parents of participating children.

## **Buies Creek Elementary will:**

- A. Involve parents in the development of the School Improvement Plan.
  - We have parent representatives on our School Improvement Team
  - We meet once a month to discuss, plan, adapt accordingly
  - We have access to this plan on our School Website for parents
- B. Provide both parents and staff opportunities for review of the School Improvement Plan.
  - We have our School Improvement Plan on our website for parents to review
  - We have a Staff Meeting in August and September to review the School Improvement plan as a school community
  - We hold a Title 1/Curriculum night in September to share the plan with parents and other important Title 1 and Curriculum information
- C. Plan and implement parent involvement activities designed to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
  - Title 1/Curriculum Night in September
  - Stargazing Night - each teacher has an activity linked to their standards in their classroom
  - Career Day - bring parents into the schools to share their careers with students
  - Kindergarten Transition Day - to help parents and rising Kindergarten students become comfortable and aware of expectations/standards for Kindergarten
- D. Build the capacity for strong parental involvement by identifying barriers to greater participation and using these findings to design strategies for more effective parental involvement.
- E. Facilitate shared responsibility through a school-parent compact by:
  1. Helping parents understand all national, state, and local standards and expectations through community-based meetings, information sessions, and multi-language communication (both written and oral, as needed);
  2. Providing materials to parents to help them with their child's education;
  3. Insuring that all communications are in easy-to-understand formats for all parents;
  4. Encouraging parents to monitor student attendance, homework completion, and television watching;
  5. Encouraging participation and support by parent volunteers;
  6. Involving parents in any preschool programs, parent meetings, or organizations;
  7. Including parents on each school's Parent Advisory Council and School Improvement Team;
  8. Providing support based on reasonable parent requests; and
  9. Insuring that all school personnel understand the value of parental involvement.
- F. Coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies within the school.
- G. Conduct annually with parents a review of this policy and of the strategies for parental involvement listed in the School Improvement Plan.

Buies Creek Elementary Title I Parent Involvement Plan is designed to acknowledge the importance of teamwork in meeting the needs of each child. Students will benefit from the collaborative efforts of parents, teachers, administrators, technical assistance and community services, a strong school improvement plan, and the LEA's constant focus on increased academic achievement for all students. Further, Buies Creek Elementary School Improvement Plan supports this vision with goals and strategies for high student performance and the elimination of all gaps in student achievement.