



Back Elementary School Parent Involvement Policy

Back Elementary School recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family during the entire period the child spends in school. To support the goal that all children succeed academically and in life, the school and parents must work together as partners.

- I. An annual meeting will be held to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, to explain the Title I requirements and the right of parents to be involved. The school will invite all parents and will encourage them to attend.

The Annual Title I Meeting for the 2018-2019 school year will be held on

Thursday, September 13 at 6:00 in the Cafeteria

- II. Parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parental involvement policy and in the development of the schoolwide program in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.
 - **Volunteers will be recruited to serve on the Campus Improvement Team (CIT) and Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)**
 - **The CIT will be responsible for the joint development of the schoolwide plan and the PAC will be responsible for the joint development of the Parental Involvement Policy.**
 - **The CIT and PAC will meet monthly to address campus needs as they relate to the schoolwide plan and the Parental Involvement Policy.**
 - **Parents will be given the opportunity to comment on the schoolwide plan and Parental Involvement Policy when they are made public to the community**
 - **An annual review, evaluation, and revision of the Parental Involvement Policy and schoolwide plan will occur in the spring**

semester and will include parents through surveys and focus group as well as the CIT.

III. All information about Back's Title I programs will be provided to parents in a uniform format that is easy to understand. Upon request, parents with disabilities will be provided information in alternative formats whenever reasonably possible. Parents will receive information in a language they can understand whenever reasonably possible. Parents should expect to receive information in the following ways:

- **Phone calls**
- **School website (<http://www.garlandisd.net/back>)**
- **School Flyers**
- **School Messenger Calls**
- **Memos**
- **School meetings**
- **Thursday Folders**
- **Reminder Labels**
- **Twitter @Back_Bulldogs**

IV. Information provided to parents about the Title I programs includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, assessments, and achievement levels which children are expected to reach. The school will give parents this information in the following ways:

- **The annual Title I meeting**
- **Regular parent teacher conferences**
- **Title I meetings and Family Nights throughout the year**
- **Thursday folders**

- **Weekly classroom newsletters**
- **Grade level meetings**
- **Meet the Teacher night**
- **Progress reports**
- **Report Cards**
- **ISIP, Standardized Testing and Other Data Reports**
- **Each parent will be provided an report about their child's performance on the State assessment in at least Reading, Math, and Language Art**

V. Opportunities for regular meetings for parents to give suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children will be provided at the parent's request. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible. Parents who make requests will be given the opportunity to meet

- **Through prearranged meetings with the Counselor**
- **Through meetings with the student's teacher which may include the principal, and other staff as appropriate**
- **Through meetings with the Student Support Team**

Requests should be made to your child's classroom teacher or campus administration

VI. Back Elementary School will give the district any written parent comments if the school wide plan is not satisfactory to parents of children attending Back Elementary School

- **Parents of children attending Back Elementary School may submit comments in writing to their child's teacher, the counselor, the assistant principal, or the principal.**

VII. In order to build and support a strong partnership among the school, parents, and community, and to improve student achievement, Back Elementary School will do the following:

Back Elementary School will help parents better understand the state and district standards, the assessments and how to monitor their child's progress in the following ways

- **Regular parent teacher conferences – Conferences may be scheduled during the teacher's conference period or before or after school. One late night parent/teacher conference will be held in the fall and in the spring. One morning conference day will be held in the fall**
- **Title I meetings and Family Nights throughout the year**
- **Information given to parents in the Thursday folders**
- **Weekly classroom newsletters**
- **Meet the Teacher night**
- **Progress reports**
- **Report Cards**
- **Each parent will be provided a report about their child's performance on the State assessment in at least Reading, Math, and Language Art**

Materials and training to help parents work with their child will be provided.

- **Parent Night/Open House - September**
- **Thursday Folders**

- **Make and Take**
- **Weekly correspondence or emails from homeroom teacher**
- **Love and Logic and Autism District Meeting Flyers**
- **Homework**
- **Access to Tumble Books at Home**
- **School website link to Online Resources**
 - (<http://www.garlandisd.net/parents/index.asp>)

Professional development for teachers, principals, and other school staff, will be provided, **with the assistance of parents**, in the following areas:

- The value of working with parents and the ways that parents help their children achieve and support the school
- How to reach out to parents
- How to communicate with parents
- How to work with parents as equal partners
- How to implement and coordinate parent programs
- How to build ties between parents and the school

The campus Parent Involvement Liaison will make sure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent in a format that parents can easily understand, and whenever reasonably possible, in a language that parents can understand.

- **Copies of flyers, phone messages, and other notices will be kept as documentation by the Title I Parent Involvement Liaison**

Reasonable support for parental involvement activities will be provided.

- **Funds set aside for parental involvement will be spent on the agreed upon activities**
- **Subs will be provided as necessary so that teachers may participate in parental involvement activities**
- **Materials and refreshments will be provided when possible**

For parents who are unable to attend parental involvement activities at school, home visits, and meetings at alternative locations will be provided.

- **Home visits for parents with disabilities will be arranged by appointment. Parents who need to request a home visit may contact the Title I Parent Involvement Liaison or their child's teacher.**

Community organizations and business are encouraged to participate in parental involvement activities.

- **We will recruit local businesses to volunteer on our Campus Improvement Team**
- **Partnerships with organizations and businesses are coordinated through the Garland Education Foundation**

Back Elementary School is committed to the success of students. We will work together with parents to make sure that our Title I program is effective in developing students who achieve.