

Bellamy Elementary School

Family Engagement Policy



Bellamy Elementary School's Vision Statement: To engage parents as full partners in their children's academic achievement and provide a safe and well rounded education.

Assurances:

We will...

- Involve parents in developing a family engagement policy and make them aware of their right to be involved in their child's education.
- Host annual Title I meeting.
- Dedicate at least 1 percent of Title I funds for family engagement, with parents involved in deciding the best use of these funds.
- Develop a compact that outlines shared responsibilities for student achievement for parents and school staff.
- Build parent capacity by explaining state academic standards and showing how parents can support student learning at home.
- Provide take-home educational materials
- Coordinate with other federal, state, and local programs, including early childhood and English learner programs.
- Provide materials in a language parents can understand, to the best extent possible.

Plan of Action

- **Title I Annual Meeting:** Parents' rights to be involved in children's education, Title I programs, family engagement policies, state assessments are explained in a stand-alone meeting early in the school year and not as part of an open house or back-to-school night. A follow-up meeting in the Spring gives parents the opportunity to express their feedback on Title I programs and adjusts programs for the upcoming school year.
- **Policy on School Meetings:** The school plans alternate meeting times for the annual Title I meeting to accommodate parent schedules. The team may also use Zoom meetings to accommodate parents schedules.
- **Outreach to all Families:** The school year begins with an Open House and Title I night, Parents are encouraged to volunteer at school, including in their children's classrooms.
- **Communication:** The school is committed to meaningful, two-way communication. School messages are delivered through Connect-5 calls and emails. The Bellamy school and PTA both have a Facebook page. The school also publishes monthly events on the website.
- **Use of Family Engagement Set-Aside:** Title I pays for a part-time tutor to assist with interventions. The position was created and funded after a discussion with parents.
- **Parent Capacity Building:** Once a quarter, the school hosts a family-oriented academic activity, Take-home educational materials are provided at STEAM Night and Literacy Night.
- **Parent Advisory Council:** The school PTA Board meets monthly with the principal and school staff. Every meeting focuses on a topic such as, the school budget, state academic assessments, needs assessment, the parent-school compact, or family engagement policies.
- **Documentation:** Parents must sign in at all school meetings and activities. Sign in sheets are recorded with dates and times and are collected and archived for audits. The school also keeps parent survey results, meeting minutes, the Title I plan, and parent-school compact.
- **Parent-school Compact:** This is included as part of this Title I plan and is outlined on the [Bellamy Elementary School webpage](#).