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Blairsville Elementary School Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Purpose

The faculty, staff, students, parents/guardians, and community of Blairsville Elementary School acknowledge a shared commitment to the educational success of our children. To ensure that the best interest of each student is served in the educational process, communication and cooperation between home and school must be maintained and parental involvement encouraged. Parent and family involvement is an ongoing process that assists parents/families in meeting their basic obligation as the first educators for their children. This process promotes a dialogue between home and school and supports parents as decision makers in the education of their children.

Guidelines

Family School Partnership: Blairsville Elementary School recognizes its responsibility to help eliminate barriers that impede family involvement and to create an environment supportive of comprehensive family involvement programs that have been developed in collaboration with parents/guardians. Therefore, this policy shall establish programs and practices that reflect the specific resources and needs of Blairsville Elementary School families. With this in mind, all school correspondences will be written in an understandable format and provided in a language parents/families can understand.

Blairsville Elementary School shall ensure that parents/guardians are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making. Parents/guardians are invited to attend Title I meetings, as well as other school functions, to assist in the education of their child.

Title I Requirements: Blairsville Elementary School shall incorporate Title I, Part A parent involvement requirements into this policy, programs, and practices and shall ensure that all parent/guardians are informed about the opportunity and expectation to participate in regular, two-way, meaningful communication regarding student academics and other school activities.

General Expectations: Parents/guardians and family members shall actively participate in development of school policies, strategic planning processes, school improvement plans, and family involvement activities.

School-family partnerships (PTO) shall emphasize a strengths-based perspective that builds resiliency factors, and serves to leverage the resources and assets of family members, schools and community to address needs and improve learning and achievement opportunities for all children.

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Parents/guardians, community members, and school district personnel shall meet each year to review Title I documents and make necessary revisions to school-level plans. Appropriate offerings and practices will be implemented to enhance family engagement activities and reflect the needs of students and families.

- Parents/guardians will be invited to become engaged in the PTO and be given information about the dates and times for the PTO meetings and events. Opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's education may include field trips, PTO committees, etc.
- Parents/guardians will be given the opportunity to serve on the Title I School-wide Planning Committee. This committee of administrators, faculty, staff, and parents/guardians is designed to guide the development of a stronger Title I program. Members of this committee will:
 1. plan, review, and offer suggestions for the School-wide Title I Plan;
 2. meet annually to revise and construct the building's Parent and Family Engagement Policy;
 3. develop a school-home compact on a yearly basis. This compact will outline how parents, the school staff, and students will share in the responsibility for improved student achievement;
 4. develop and review an annual end-of-year survey regarding the program and family engagement activities. All parents/guardians of Blairsville Elementary School students shall have the opportunity to complete this survey to share concerns and offer suggestions for the continued improvement of the Title I program.
- Parents/guardians will receive notification of the annual Title I meeting to discuss the Title I program and to explain the requirements of the program and their right to be involved.
- Parent conferences and other meetings will be held at different times during the day to accommodate as many parents' schedules as possible.
- Parents/guardians will receive timely information about Title I activities held throughout the year. This information will be sent home with the students and posted on the school's website.
- Title I parent involvement funds will be distributed to Blairsville Elementary School each year to pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities as determined by the school improvement team in the building.
- Blairsville Elementary School will provide parents/guardians information about and assistance to parents/guardians in understanding academic information, including the Pennsylvania Common Core Standards, curriculum, benchmark assessment scores, and standards-based report cards used to measure student progress. This will be accomplished at Meet & Greet Night, annual Title One meetings, parent conferences/meetings, Title I parent engagement activities, and PTO meetings.

Program Elements:

- Blairsville Elementary School will provide high-quality instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables students to achieve at high standards. This will be

accomplished through curriculum review, ongoing data analysis, and the implementation of research based intervention programs.

- Blairsville Elementary School will engage parents/guardians in parent-teacher conferences in November, January, and at other times throughout the year, as needed.
- Blairsville Elementary School will provide feedback on student progress to parents/guardians through a standards-based report card issued four times per year.
- Blairsville Elementary School will provide parents/guardians with access to faculty via conferences, telephone calls, school/district website (including the parent portal), written correspondence, a monthly calendar of events, and email and other electronic communications.
- Blairsville Elementary School will encourage parents/guardians to participate in parent engagement activities.

Evaluation

Parents/guardians will participate in evaluating the implementation and effectiveness of this policy and school Title I plan. This evaluation will be used to improve and/or create practices to enhance parent involvement. This policy will be reviewed yearly and revised as needed.

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