

# **BROWNWOOD ISD**

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### **Title I, Part A Family Engagement District Policy**

#### **2024-2025**

Brownwood Middle School (BMS) is committed to partnering with parents/families, students, the community, and other stakeholders to improve student academic achievement and social-emotional development. We believe that parents have an important role as their child's first teacher and are essential and valued partners in the educational process.

Brownwood Middle School will reach out to all parents and family members and implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents and family members in programs consistent with the requirements of ESSA Section 1116. Such programs, activities, and procedures shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.

- BMS will provide open and two-way verbal and written communication between families through various strategies and methods including, but not limited to, email, newsletters, district/campus websites, social media, phone calls, and printed notices sent home or posted in community.
- BMS schools will provide a safe and open atmosphere for parents and families to visit the school their children attend.

Brownwood Middle School receives Title I, Part A funds. Our goal is to plan and implement effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance. Therefore, BMS will develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written family engagement policy.

- The policy shall be incorporated into the local educational agency's (LEA) plan developed under section 1112 (District Improvement Plan, DIP),
- The policy will establish the LEA's expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family involvement.
- The policy will be posted on the BMS website for all families to access and review.
- Each School-Parent compact that outlines how parents, staff, and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. This agreement is posted on campus website, at the annual Title 1 meetings and available at the front office of each campus for all families to access and review.
- Each campus will hold their annual Title I meetings for parents in the fall semester. It will be offered twice, on two different days at different times to meet the needs of our families. The purpose of the meetings is to provide parents with information regarding Title I-A guidelines and services offered as stated in the current Family Engagement Policy. The policy will also be distributed to parents during this meeting and parents will be given the opportunity to comment and offer their suggestions for any revisions. This meeting will be held at a convenient time and all families of enrolled students will be invited and strongly encouraged to attend.

Brownwood Middle School will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build capacity for all its schools in planning and implementing effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.

- BMS Campus Administration and School Counselors are assigned to Title I campuses for this support.
- Provide ongoing professional development to all teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school staff on how to engage, communicate with parents as equal partners.
- BMS families are provided parent involvement services at each individual campus as well as at BISD's Central Support Center.

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Brownwood Middle School will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies under Title I, Part A, to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

- All BMS parents are strongly encouraged to volunteer at their child's campuses. We always value additional assistance making copies, helping in the libraries, reading with students and helping in other areas.
- All parents and community volunteers must comply with district policy regarding volunteer requirements, orientation, and State of Texas background checks.

Brownwood Middle School will conduct, with the meaningful involvement of parents and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of all Title I, Part A schools served under this part, including identifying...

- Barriers to greater participation by parents in activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background);
- The needs of parents and family members to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers; and
- Strategies to support successful school and family interactions.

Brownwood Middle School District will assess the needs of parents and children in the community through a variety of measures, including parent surveys, so that family engagement programs can be tailored to meet those needs. BISD will use the findings of such evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary, the family engagement policies.

- An End of Year Family Engagement Survey/Comprehensive Needs Assessment will be distributed through BMS social media platforms to all BMS families.

- Workshops and other resources will be made available to address the expressed needs. Parents will be notified of these opportunities through BMS social media and/or their individual campuses.
- Family and Community Engagement Staff provide a minimum of one parent workshop session per semester. All BMS families are invited to attend.
- BMS parents are also encouraged to contact their individual campuses to express an interest in a workshop, topic, or to make recommendations to the program.
- BMS encourages our parents and families to support their children's learning at home and in school and serve as their children's advocate.

Brownwood Middle School will involve parents in the activities of the schools which may include establishing a parent advisory board comprised of a sufficient number and representative group of parents or family members served by the local educational agency to adequately represent the needs of the population for the purposes of developing, revising, and reviewing the family engagement policy and provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request.

BMS encourages families, teachers, and community members to join their campus Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

BMS parents are also invited to participate in the district level Superintendent Parent Advisory Cabinet meetings (SPAC). Meetings for this school year will be held at 4:00p.m. at Central Support once a month throughout the school year.

To learn more on how to be part of this committee, please reach out to our Misti Gillard at (325) 646-9545 or at [misti.gillard@brownwoodisd.org](mailto:misti.gillard@brownwoodisd.org)

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Brownwood Independent School District shall:

- Provide assistance to BMS parents in understanding such topics as the State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of the family engagement program, and how to monitor a child's progress on Ascenders Parent Portal and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.
- Provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as using technology, as appropriate, to foster parent involvement.
- Educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school.)
- Ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

*BMS's Family Engagement Policy is a working document that is reviewed on an ongoing basis to assure that we cultivate and strengthen our trust, relationships, partnerships with all our BMS students, families, educators, and community partners.*