



Bruce Elementary Parent & Family Engagement Policy 2025-2026

Parental involvement is a key element in academic success of students. The purpose of the parental and family engagement policy is two-fold. The first is to establish the Title I guidelines. The second is to outline programs for increasing parental involvement. The "Title I Parent & Engagement Policy" was developed by the parents, Title I contact, and the principal. Additionally, other stakeholders were asked to review the policy.

In order to foster a positive relationship between parents and schools, an annual Title 1 parent meeting is held, which explains the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. Other quarterly parent meetings are conducted throughout the school year; these informational meetings allow parents to learn of other information that is important to their child's educational success such as campus based assessments, ways to help their child at home, and ways to communicate with their child's teacher. These meetings include:

Open House	Family Math Night	STEM Night
Family Reading Night	Family Test Information Night	Parent-Teacher Conferences

Increasing communication between school and home is an important goal of the Title I program. In order to inform parents of school events, the school provides: a weekly communication folder, the district's Parent-Student Connect and notices posted inside/outside the school building. All information is provided in both English and Spanish. Translators are available to assist when needed.

Teachers and staff make referrals to the Title I Coordinator and/or the Wrap Around Services representative when situations arise. The Wrap Around Services representative contacts parents, makes home visits, and assists families with acquiring the resources needed in order to help children be successful in school. Additional information such as the calendar of school events, parent tips, newsletters, PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) meetings and student handbooks for parents are available in the front office.

Parents are encouraged to schedule conferences with teachers and/or other school personnel when necessary. Information is made available and communicated to parents through school updates and flyers, a monthly calendar of events, Class Dojo, Remind, campus website [<http://www.https://bruce.houstonisd.org>], and through school PTO meetings. Additional resources, kits, games, and technology will be added as funding permits.

Bruce Elementary School utilizes the district's Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) to enhance communication to parents on student learning, parenting, volunteering and the special and specific needs of students and their families. School Messenger is an automated telephone messaging system that is also used to provide Title I parents with announcements, meeting reminders, attendance, and other important school information.

Community resources shall be used to strengthen schools, families, and support programs. Business partners and service groups shall be involved with our school to help advance student learning, Community business partners shall have representation and advisory responsibilities on the Sitebased Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) as set by Texas state law. This collaboration shall promote parent participation in student education.

We believe that parents are more likely to make their child's education a priority when parents are involved in the instructional processes at school and our learning community, consisting of parents, students, community members, faculty and staff, also believes parent involvement is crucial to the success of our students. We strive to enable all students to be responsible, productive, caring citizens and lifelong learners in an ever changing, often challenging society.

To attain our goals for parent involvement, we will make every effort to organize parent involvement that includes a broad range of programs based on the results and responses of the parent involvement surveys.

Various accountability measures are in place to ensure that the needs of students are addressed. The Parent-School Compact outlines the responsibilities of parents, students, teachers and administrators. The Houston Independent School District's Student Code of Conduct makes parents and students aware of acceptable behaviors and the consequences of violating those expectations. Regular progress reports and report cards provide information to help parents monitor their child's academic progress. Parents are encouraged to meet with teachers to address specific concerns and areas of need.

The Title I Parent Involvement Policy will be updated periodically and made available for review by parents, staff, and students. The Parent-Student handbook will also be sent home for students and parents. A needs assessment will be conducted each year to determine through meetings what areas need to be addressed, and to assess the quality of communication between home and school.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Title I, please contact Ms. Carlas Mack at (713) 226-4560 or carlas.mack@houstonisd.org.