



Murphy Family Engagement Belief Statement

Bismarck Public Schools believes that families play a critical role in the education of their children. Family engagement enhances school success, empowering all learners to thrive. It is the practice of Bismarck Schools to actively build partnerships with families.

The C.A.R.E.S principles below guide Bismarck Public Schools' family engagement efforts and are woven with the district's core values of innovation, leadership, excellence, and inclusion.

Communication: Bismarck Public Schools will invite regular and meaningful communication with families, including opportunities for face-to-face meetings, parent-teacher conferences, and electronic communication.

Accessibility: Bismarck Public Schools will strive to ensure that all families, regardless of race, ethnicity, income, language or ability, have access to information and opportunities to participate in their child's education.

Relationships: Bismarck Public Schools will work with families to create a shared responsibility for student success.

Empowerment: Bismarck Public Schools will provide families with the information, tools, and resources necessary to actively support their child's academic achievement and success.

Support: Bismarck Public Schools partner with community organizations, programs, and resources to provide families with access to crucial support, including basic necessities, mental health services, and parenting information.

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Murphy Parent & Family Engagement Compact

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	BPS Will:	BPS Families Agree To:
C	Welcome regular communication with families and seek feedback to ensure support aligns with needs and expectations.	Stay in touch with the school, keep updated, ask questions, and ask for support when needed.
	Respond to family inquiries within 2 school days, respectfully acknowledging the family's knowledge and expertise about the learner.	Share your needs, concerns, and questions respectfully, recognizing the professional judgment and expertise of the school staff.
	Inform families about policies, curriculum changes, events, and dates through our website, emails, and in person meetings.	Monitor school communications, including emails, newsletters, and notices, to stay informed about your child's education and school events.
A	Work to provide information and materials in languages and formats that meet the diverse needs of all families.	Use the district's accessibility tools and let the school know if your family needs extra support to stay involved in your child's education.
	Provide opportunities and encourage all families to participate in their learner's education.	Participate in school activities, parent-teacher conferences, and other events that support your child's learning.
R	Foster a culture of collaboration where families and staff work together to tackle challenges and enhance student success.	Work together with school staff to help your child to succeed in school.
	Create processes to solicit family feedback to improve information and resources continuously.	Participate in problem-solving meetings and share your honest feedback through surveys and discussions.
E	Provide families information on academic standards, curriculum, study habits, and support services.	Regularly support your child's academic efforts at school and at home.
	Ensure clear communication about academic progress, including grades, attendance, and behavior.	Get involved with the school to access important information and resources for your child's academic success.
S	Partner with community organizations to offer families access to essential supports such as food, clothing, housing assistance, mental health services, and parenting guidance.	Take advantage of the resources offered through the school's community partnerships, when appropriate.