Vinson-Bynum Elementary School
Title I Parent Engagement Policy

The Wilson County Board of Education and Vinson-Bynum Elementary School believe that the education of students is a cooperative effort between guardians and schools. Guardians are their student's first teachers, and involvement by guardians improves the educational achievement of their student. We believe that the involvement of guardians increases the effectiveness of the program and contributes significantly to the success of the student. Vinson-Bynum Elementary School staff will strive to involve guardians in activities throughout the school year.

Vinson-Bynum Elementary School is a school-wide Title I school. This means we receive federal money to be used for all students to improve their educational achievement. We invite guardians to give input into the development of their student's instructional programs. Input is solicited through surveys and Blackboard Connect phone calls. Guardians are invited to confer with staff and administrators.

Communication to promote parental involvement includes:

- Student/Family handbooks are provided electronically by the school (hard copies by request).
- Guardians must enroll and complete yearly updates for student(s) in Infinite Campus in order to access grades, attendance, and all required documents, including all technology related forms and waivers.
- Weekly communication and grades are sent to guardians via communication folders or teacher's preferred communication method in grades Kindergarten through 1st. Student progress is provided weekly via Infinite Campus for grades 2nd through 5th.
- Overall student progress is provided via progress reports and report cards each quarter. Possible retention letters are provided at least twice a year, when applicable.
- Conferences are offered three times a year at the end of each reporting period or as requested by guardians and/or staff members.
- Weekly phone communication is provided through Blackboard Connect.
- Translation is provided at meetings and conferences. Prior notice for in-person translation is required.
- Written and phone messages are sent out recruiting volunteers and committee members (all volunteers must be approved by Wilson County Schools Raptor Volunteer System).
- Important events and updates are provided through Facebook, ClassDojo, phone calls, and email.
- Parents may also contact the principal, any school staff member, or any PTO officer to offer input.
- District workshops are offered throughout the year.
- School sponsored parent engagement events are held throughout the year.