Big Spring Junior High
Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2026-2027 School Year

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What is it?	BSJH is committed to our mission Recruit and Retain Highly Qualified Staff, Maintain Integrity and Professionalism at all Times, Provide a Caring and Safe Environment, Ensure Instructional Time is Valued, Provide Ongoing Meaningful Professional Development Design and Deliver Relevant and Engaging Instruction Our campus is dedicated to creating an environment where parents are free to work with teachers and administrators for their child's success at school. We aim to: ● Provide opportunities for parents to actively engage in their child's education. ● Inform parents about school events and opportunities on how they can be involved. ● To develop a community of trust with the mission of seeing our students be successful. Together, we are building a community that values education, nurtures growth, and prepares all students for success in school and life. BSJH supports these efforts by participating in the Title I, Part A School-Wide Program. This program provides funding for low socioeconomic schools. In return, we promise to meet the expectations laid out by the Texas Education Agency and the United States Department of Education.
Expectations & Objectives:	BSJH believes that parents and families are a child's first and most influential teacher. Therefore, a mutually beneficial relationship between school and home is in the best interest of every child. The expectation of the Parent and Family Engagement Program is to foster communication and decision-making with parents about student performance and to collaboratively support learning. To help accomplish this, BSJH will provide increased opportunities for campus administration, teachers, parents and community members to become full partners in the education of its students. BSJH believes that a successful education system is directly related to a strong, dedicated, and supportive family and that parental involvement in the district and its schools is essential for maximum education achievement of each and every student. Our objectives are: ● Parents are informed of their students' progress and school activities.

	● Parents are comfortable talking to their child's teacher and have complete access to information concerning their child's education. Parents and families at BSJH will be provided the following information in accordance with Section 1116 of ESSA: ● Annual Title I Meeting at the beginning of each school year ● A description and explanation of the school's curriculum ● A description and explanation of the different academic assessments used and what the achievement levels mean ● Information on how to be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of parent and family engagement programs and policy, including the Home-School Compact ● Information on how to be involved in other decision-making processes on campus ● Ways to request regular meetings ● Home-School Compacts ● Information on other family activities and meetings to build relationships and capacity ● How to receive translation services if needed
Funding:	Title I, Part A funds will be allocated to each campus for the implementation of the parent and family engagement program. Such programs, activities and procedures will be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
Review:	All use of funding, including those provided through the ESSA Consolidated Grants such as Title I, Part A, can be reviewed by the Texas Education Agency upon request to ensure they meet the needs of the Parent and Family Engagement Program.
Evaluation:	Each January, BSJH will distribute Title I, Part A Parent Surveys to obtain feedback from parents on the content and effectiveness of our Parent & Family Engagement Policy and the Home-School Compact. Responses will be utilized during Home-School Compact and PFE meetings to evaluate and revise both documents for the following school year.
How to be involved at your school:	BSJH encourages all parents and families to reach out to us to learn more about how they can be more involved in their child's education. Here are some ways parents and families can be involved at BSJH: ● Attend open house events ● Attend extra curricular events ● Participate in outside events, such as the fall festival ● Volunteer to help with school dances ● Develop relationships with the staff

	For more information on how to get involved at BSJH, please call 432-264-4135

BSJH will:	● Involve parents in the joint development/revision of the school's parent and family engagement policy in accordance with ESSA 1116 by actively recruiting parents and families to participate in the process through various means.
	● Hold development/revision meetings at flexible days and times to maximize parent and family involvement in the process.
	● Obtain input from parents and families through various means including surveys and questionnaires.
	● Include parents in the process of revising/developing the district improvement plan which begins with a collaborative comprehensive needs assessment.
	● Distribute the district's Parent and Family Engagement Policy to parents, families and the community by:
	  ○ Posting it on the district's website and keeping it up to date.
	  ○ Distributing printed copies to community members and organizations.
	  ○ Providing printed copies to families, upon request.
	  ○ Having available printed copies and QR codes to the electronic version at all the school's annual Title I meetings.
	● Per request, provide the qualifications of a child's teacher.
	● Evaluate the school's Parent and Family Engagement program and its policy throughout the year and revise it as needed.
	● Provide training to every employee on the most effective parent and family engagement strategies.
	● Communicate parent and family involvement opportunities through various means including the school's website, social media, automated messaging and print.
	● Provide informational meetings at flexible times on a variety of school-related topics such as: attendance, technology, accountability, etc.
	● Provide translation services as requested.

Curriculum & Resources:	BSJH instruction is based on the State of Texas' Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills which can be found on the Texas Education Agency website at: https://tea.texas.gov/academics/curriculum-standards/teks-review/texas-essential-knowledge-and-skills
	
	To support high levels of learning of the TEKS, BSJH uses the following resources & materials:
	● Reading Language Arts/English Language Arts
	  ○ McGraw-Hill
	  ○ iReady

	● Mathematics ○ iReady ○ Lowman ○ Dreambox ● Science ○ McGraw-Hill ● Social Studies ○ Lowman
Forms of Academic Assessment:	BSJH uses a variety of methods to monitor the academic progress of our students: ● RLA/English I and English II, Mathematics/Algebra I, Science/Biology I, and Social Studies/U.S. History are accessed on the STAAR. The State Performance Standards can be found on the Texas Education Agency Website at: https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/student-assessment-results/staar-performance-standards ● Checkpoints every 3 weeks, NWEA, STAAR
Ways to Request Regular Meetings:	BSJH is open to any suggestions, ideas or concerns from our parents as we want our school to be a place where everyone feel welcomed. Parent meetings can be requested by calling 432-264-4135
Important Events & Dates:	BSJH wants to ensure that our parents and families are aware of important events. Here are some events we ask you include on your own calendars: ● NWEA Testing ● Semester Exams ● Checkpoint/Benchmark Testing ● STAAR Assessments ● Course Selection Window
Family Trainings/Activities to Build Capacity:	At BSJH we want to build strong relationships with our families while building capacity to support the learning of our students. To do this, we are offering the following training and learning opportunities for our families. Any changes will be communicated via call out system, social media, fliers home with your child, on our school website and on our marquee. The following provides a list of the ESSA required parent and family engagement activities—how you title them is up to you, so feel free to reword/rephrase. You may add other activities to “build capacity” if you’d like. ● Registration ○ July 21-24 8:00-4:00 ● Meet the Teacher Night:

	○ August 7 at 5:30 ● Title I Meeting ○ August 7 at 5:30 ○ Date/Time of 2nd Meeting ● PFE Policy Explanation ○ August 7 at 5:30 ○ Date/Time of 2nd Meeting ● Curriculum and State Assessment Requirements (and how to monitor your child's progress) ○ August 7 at 5:30 ○ Date/Time of 2nd Meeting ●
Family Activities to Build Relationships:	At BSJH, we want all of our families to feel welcomed as part of our school family. To do this, we are offering the following fun activities for our families. Any changes will be communicated via call out system, social media, fliers home with your child, on our school website and on our marquee. ●