

Blooming Prairie School District Parent Involvement Policy 2017-2018

PURPOSE

The Blooming Prairie School District is committed to the goal of providing quality education to every child in this district. We believe that students can succeed if parents and teachers work hand-in-hand on their education. Ultimately parents are their child's first teachers and their continued support for their children and their school is vital to academic success.

Blooming Prairie Schools recognize that students learn at a different pace and may need extra assistance-the extra help for students is provided by our Title 1 program. We strive to help each child reach the state's high academic standards. Blooming Prairie School encourages parents to be involved in all aspects of their child's schooling and this includes the Title 1 program. Our ultimate goal is a school-home-community partnership that will help all students succeed.

DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS

The Blooming Prairie School District agrees to implement the following requirements:

- Plan activities, programs, and follow procedures for the involvement of parents in the district's Title 1 program.
- Distribute to parents of participating children a written parental involvement policy that will be incorporated into the school district's Title 1 plan.
- Convene an annual meeting to which all parents of participating children will be invited and encouraged to attend.
- Work to ensure that the Parent-Involvement Plan meet the Title 1 requirements and include a school-parent compact.
- Involve parents in the joint development of the school district's Title 1 plan and the process of school review and improvement.
- Provide parents of participating children-
 - Timely information about Title 1 programs
 - A description of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of assessment used to measure student progress, and the levels in which students are expected to meet.

- If requested, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions related to the education of their children.

Responsibilities for High Academic Achievement

Blooming Prairie School will jointly develop with parents of children served under Title 1 a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved academic achievement.

Blooming Prairie School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the development/revision of its district parent involvement policy by:

- Inviting interested Title 1 parents to join the Advisory Committee, which will meet several times throughout the school year. This committee will consist of Title 1 parents, the Title 1 Lead Teacher, and one principal.
- Convening an annual fall meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend and to inform the parents of the Title 1 requirements, the Title 1 program, and their parental rights.

Blooming Prairie District will involve parents in the joint development of the district plan, review, and improvement by:

- Administering a survey to Title 1 parents asking them to review the parental involvement plan and share how effective and realistic the plan is and then use the information received.
- Providing Title 1 parents with timely information through the school website, the district newspaper, letters sent home, and the local newspaper about Title 1 programs and school performance profiles as required by law.
- Informing parents of their child's individual student assessment results along with an interpretation of the results, a description of the curriculum the district uses, the forms of assessments used, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet through parent-teacher conferences, written documentation, and verbal communication throughout the school year.

Blooming Prairie District will provide the necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.

Blooming Prairie District will build the schools' and parents' capacity in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement by:

- Providing assistance to parents in understanding the state's academic standards
Ex: conferences, district newspaper and website
- Providing explanations of other academic assessments used
Ex: conferences, district newspaper and website
- Presenting the requirements of Title 1
Ex: annual meeting, district newspaper and website
- Informing of their child's progress and how to work with educators
Ex: conferences, e-mail, telephone calls, student planners, district newspaper

Blooming Prairie District will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement and to foster parent involvement by:

- Offering after school tutoring for grades 3rd-6th
- Offering Targeted Services for grades 1 – 4 (After school and summer school programming)
- Providing presentations by professionals on parenting strategies
- Publishing parenting tips in the district newsletter
- Planning math and reading family fun nights

Blooming Prairie District will educate its teachers, paraprofessionals, principals, and other staff in how to communicate, value, and work with parents as equal partners by:

- Offering the opportunity to attend workshops/conferences
- Forming an Advisory Committee of parents, teachers, school staff, and community members

Blooming Prairie District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities like:

- Early Childhood Family Education
- Parent/Teacher Organization
- Volunteer opportunities at school

ADOPTION

Blooming Prairie School District Parental Involvement Plan will be developed, revised, and agreed upon by the Title 1 Advisory Committee. This Parent Involvement Plan will be

in effect for the period of the school year and will be distributed to all parents of participating Title 1 children.

This commitment to family involvement has been approved by the Blooming Prairie School Board. The policy/procedures will be coordinated by the Title 1 Teacher and other Blooming Prairie Elementary Teachers. It will be promoted by the building principal and other school staff.

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8/23/17
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