

Title I Parent/Family Engagement Policy Douglass Elementary School

Parental/Family engagement at Douglass Elementary School is strongly encouraged. Parents play a vital role in their child's education and their involvement can further the educational opportunities and achievement of their children. *We strive to build a strong, positive relationship between home, school, and community in the following ways:*

- A copy of the Parent Involvement Policy will be included in the Title I Handbook and will be provided to every parent at the beginning of the school year.
- The School Improvement Plan will be made available for parents to review and to make comments/suggestions. Parent representatives will serve on the School Improvement Team.
- A yearly schedule of Parent Involvement Opportunities/ Family Engagement Opportunities will be provided to parents at the beginning of the year.
- A Title I Annual Meeting/Classroom Orientations Meeting will be held during the open house. Parents are allowed to meet the staff, learn about the Title I Program, and become familiar with grade-level curriculum and expectations.
- Parent/Student/Teacher Compacts are signed at the first parent conference at the beginning of the year or sent home if a conference has not been had by the first quarter, indicating responsibility for learning from all parties.
- Weekly automated voice messages inform parents of curricular matters, classroom activities, programs, and parent involvement opportunities.
- A school marquee placed in front of the school informs parents of upcoming events and activities.
- Information regarding the RCS Parent Resource Centers and the Homework Assistance Line will be provided to every parent. Parents are encouraged to use this service throughout the year. Teachers also refer students to the RCS Parent Resource Center for access to additional instructional materials that can be used at home.
- Parents and students may access the RCS website and the Bethany Elementary School web page to obtain information about classroom and school activities.
- Parent/Family Trainings will be conducted throughout the year in order to present information to parents regarding curriculum and strategies that can be used at home to reinforce skills taught at school. These trainings will focus on the curriculum areas of reading, writing, math, technology, and test-taking skills. Parents will be given an opportunity to evaluate the parent workshops and make suggestions/comments. These events will be scheduled during the year and offer flexible opportunities for families to participate.
- Classroom observations are scheduled throughout the year enabling families to visit their child's classroom and observe a lesson being taught.
- Information about curriculum, assessments, programs, and activities will be provided promptly. The information will be provided in a language and format understandable to non-English speaking families.
- Interpreters will be provided as needed for parent conferences or meetings.
- Parent Conferences will be scheduled to discuss student progress. Conferences are also held, if requested, to help parents interpret EOG test performance.
- The staff at Douglass Elementary School will maintain an open communication system.