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Parent Involvement

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The Bryan Station Parent Involvement Policy has been developed by the Parental Involvement Committee of the Site Based Decision Making Council. The Title 1 Advisory Committee serves parents of students that attend Bryan Station Middle School. The SBDM Council includes staff members and parents.

The staff at Bryan Station Middle believes parent involvement is essential to helping every student reach their individual potential. It is very important and crucial to develop strong unity that creates a community of parents, teachers, and administrators that work together with the goal to ensure the success of all students. In order to promote parent involvement, the staff at Bryan Station Middle will assist in the following ways:

Dissemination of Information

- The Parent Involvement Policy and information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities will be distributed and communicated in English or Spanish to each school family via parent email lists, BSMS website www.bsms.fcps.net, the PTSA, personal phone calls, mail(if requested), at Open House events, on home visits, and through monthly school calendar events and newsletters
- Parents/Guardians will be provided with timely information about the school and Title 1 program review through parent meetings, personal phone calls, home visits, the school website, and newsletters throughout the school year.
- Information about the school curriculum, forms of assessment used to measure progress, and the proficiency level students are expected to meet will be distributed by the school staff through newsletters and parent-teacher conferences.
- Academic content standards, local assessments, achievement test information and information on “how to” monitor a child’s progress will be distributed by the school staff through newsletters, meetings, home visits, or parent-teacher conferences.
- The School-Parent Learning Compact, which was jointly developed with parents, outlines how parents, the school staff, and students will share in the responsibility for improved student achievement. This will be communicated to each family at parent-teacher conferences or on home visits.
- Concerns of parents will be responded to, as soon as possible, through email, phone calls, home visits and postings on school website.

Family Involvement

- Parents/Guardians will be encouraged to be involved through volunteer opportunities listed on the school website www.bsms.fcps.net.
- Parents/Guardians will have opportunities to participate in school decision-making regarding the education of their children through the PTSA, the SBDM Council, committees, parent-teacher conferences, Open House events and will be invited to attend the Family Outreach Committee meetings.
- Parents/Guardians will be provided information that supports academic achievement both at home and school. (Examples, but are not limited to websites, additional class work, practice work, tutoring services, Saturday school) and will have the opportunity to participate in literacy, technology, and other training sessions to help improve their child's achievement. Parents/Guardians will be involved in the development, planning, and improvement of the school's Title 1 program, Parent Involvement Committee, and SBDM council meetings.
- The school will provide opportunities for individual parent/teacher conferences at least twice a year. Conferences will be held at various times throughout the school day. The purpose is to facilitate communication between home and school, and to enable parent's opportunities to formulate suggestions and make decisions regarding the education of their children. In addition Parents/Guardians may also request conferences with their child's teacher, observe the school community, and visit BSMS.
- Parents/Guardians will be informed at the annual Open House, ABC Night, and the school website about the school's participation in the Title 1 program and their right to be involved.
- Title I funds may be used to pay expenses associated with parent involvement activities, (e.g., transportation, childcare costs, or home visit expenses) to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- The school will provide assistance to parents in understanding Kentucky's academic content standards (a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at school and the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress), Kentucky's student achievement standards and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet; how to monitor a child's progress; and how to work with teachers to improve the achievement of their children. This will be provided through Infinite Campus, newsletters, emails, personal telephone calls, parent workshops, home visits and Open House events.