

Mc Bain Elementary
Title I School-Wide Parent Involvement Policy

We believe that school, parents, and community working together are accountable for providing students the opportunities to develop academically, physically, emotionally, and socially. Parents, as their child's first teacher, have an essential role in their child's academic success. As an elementary staff, we embrace parents as partners. We continually seek opportunities to collaborate with parents/guardians through open communication, volunteerism, and an open door policy.

Mc Bain Elementary will:

Convene an annual fall meeting where we will:

- *Share the parent compact and involvement policy with parents.*
- *Provide parents with an overview of grade level assessments and how to interpret them.*
- *Provide an interpreter for parents in their first language.*
- *Review the School's Calendar of Event.*

Offer flexible meeting times and varied activities designed to support and encourage the involvement of all parents by providing:

- *Back-to-School Family Open House*
- *Technology Series Nights*
- *Family Activity Nights*
- *Parent Teacher Conferences*
- *Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Activities*
- *Father/Daughter Dance (3rd Grade)*
- *Mother/Son Softball Game (3rd Grade)*
- *Muffins with Mom (1st Grade)*
- *Donuts with Dad (1st Grade)*
- *Biography Night (5th Grade)*

Involve parents in planning, reviewing, and improving the Title 1 program, including the School and District Parent Involvement Policy by:

- *Annual Parent Surveys*
- *Open Invitation to School Improvement Meetings*
- *Expanding all avenues of communication with parents*
- *Parent Volunteerism through tutoring, mentoring, and assisting in classrooms*
- *Annual Parent Review of the Parent Compact*

Provide timely information about the Title 1 Program, the academic curriculum, assessments used to measure progress, grade level expectations, and opportunities to interact with teachers regarding the education of the children through:

- *Back-to-School Family Open House*
- *Parent Teacher Conferences*
- *Family Activity Nights*
- *School and Classroom Newsletters*
- *Annual Fall Meeting*
- *Report Cards and Progress Reports*
- *Teacher Websites*
- *PowerSchool*
- *Parent Workshops and Trainings*
- *Home Visits*
- *Weekly Take-Home Folders*
- *Reading Folders (K-2)*
- *Parent Phone Calls and e-mails*

Provide information and assistance to parents regarding the state and local academic standards and assessments through:

- *Parent Teacher Conferences*
- *Grade Level Content Expectations shared at Family Activity Nights*
- *ELPA results for ELL students*
- *MEAP Results*
- *Local Assessments (DIBELS, AIMS-web, Quarterly Assessments)*
- *Report Cards and Progress Reports*

Provide materials and trainings to parents through:

- *Family Activity Nights*
- *Technology Series*
- *Reading Folders (K-2)*
- *Home Kits*
- *Kindergarten Round Up and Orientation*
- *School Success Worker Linking to Community Resources*

Educate the academic community regarding the value of parent involvement, ways to communicate effectively with parents, and implementation of parent programs.

Mc Bain Elementary School encourages parental involvement in the school throughout programs and activities designed to increase parent-school communication and to involve parents in the development and implementation of educational policies and school programs.

Inform parents of school and parent programs in a timely and practical format in a language they can understand through:

- *Newsletters and Teacher Websites*
- *School Website*
- *Interpreter/Translator for Face-to-Face Communication*
- *English to Spanish Translation of Written Documents*

Provide opportunities for parent involvement activities requested by parents through:

- *Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and Sub-Committees*
- *Volunteerism (classroom, fieldtrips, mentors, tutors, etc.)*

Provide Title 1 funds for parent involvement activities through:

- *Family Activity Nights*
- *Annual Fall Meeting*
- *Technology Series*

Make parent involvement accessible to all parents including parents of ELL and children with disabilities through:

- *Flexible Meeting Times*
- *Translated Notices of Meetings and Events*
- *Childcare and Meals Provided*
- *Collaboration with WMISD and other Community Agencies Coordinated Through our School Success Worker*
- *Notices of Events and Meetings via Teacher Websites, Newsletters, School Website, and Verbal Communication*