

Bryant Elementary

Parental Involvement Plan



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Bryant Elementary School "The Future Hornet Training Ground"

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The Bryant Elementary School community recognizes the importance of Parent Involvement to help students achieve their academic goals. Educational research shows that parents that are actively involved in their child's learning at home help their children become more successful learners in and out of school. As part of our efforts to increase student achievement, Bryant Elementary School has established objectives to address parent involvement and will implement strategies to see parent and community involvement increase in our school. It is the mission of Bryant Elementary to provide students with knowledge skills, and attitudes to be lifelong learners and responsible citizens. This can be attained through high instructional expectations and a safe, positive environment that fosters responsibility and citizenship.

Our Parental Involvement Mission Statement: At Bryant Elementary we will strive to build relationships that create family engagement for every child, every family, and every teacher every day.

Bryant Elementary receives Federal money for our enrollment of free/reduced lunch members, This money is used to improve academic achievement of our students. Title 1 funds are used to purchase materials to improve our curriculum and extend learning time for students who need extra help. These opportunities are provided to students throughout the school. During our annual Open House, parents are provided with information regarding annual yearly progress, along with being informed that Bryant Elementary School is a Title 1 School. Mr. Scarlett will explain what this means and how it affects students attending Bryant Elementary.

A Parental Involvement Committee is established at Bryant Elementary, and consists of both faculty members and parents. It is the goal of committee members to plan programs and events that allow every opportunity for parents to feel very much a part of their child's education at Bryant Elementary.

Committee members are:

Faculty: Jill Middlebrooks, PI Coordinator

Mark Scarlett, Principal

Angela Mask, Assistant Principal

Susan Wright, Counselor

Lark West, Media Specialist

*Various staff members will also assist throughout the year with planning, preparing, and carrying out family nights at Bryant Elementary.

Parents: PTO President Rikki Turner is a member and stays in frequent contact with BES parents and families.

The committee met in September 2017 to review our 2017-2018 plan. This committee will continue to meet regularly to plan events and provide ways to keep parents involved at Bryant Elementary. In addition to meetings, the committee will keep regular communication through email.

To improve student achievement and maintain strong family partnerships, Bryant Elementary will help parents understand our goals by offering information on content and performance standards. Parents will also be informed on how they can work with teachers to accomplish improved performance with our students. This may be done through handouts and conferences.

Bryant Elementary School will provide materials to its parents to enable them to work with their children in order to improve academic achievement.

Our school is equipped with a staffed Parent Center that provides technology, study aids, and materials available for checkout that will provide assistance to parents wanting to work with their children at home. Classes are also made available for parents on ways to improve parenting skills through our Parent Center. Our school Media Center also has a section for parents to browse for free resources.

Bryant Elementary parents will be provided a copy of our School Compact. This document outlines how parents, staff, and students will share the responsibility for promoting school achievement. Parents will be asked to discuss the contents of this document with their children prior to signing it.

Every effort will be made to prevent families in our Title 1 program from being singled out from other families. These parents will be notified of programs that will be available to their children and of other assistance for parents as well.

Communication between home and school is to be regular, two-way, and meaningful. To encourage communication with parents, Bryant Elementary will:

1. Prepare informational packets that describe:
 - a. The school's Parental Involvement Program
 - b. The recommended roles of the parent, student, teacher, and school
 - c. Ways for parents to become involved in the school and his or her child's education Notifications through newsletters and electronically
 - d. Activities planned throughout the year to encourage parental involvement
2. Communication folders are provided to all students to promote ties between home and school
3. Bryant Elementary will distribute a monthly newsletter to keep parents informed of upcoming events and school news.
4. Teachers will communicate with parents regularly through phone calls, emails, and written notes to be sent home in the communication folder.
5. Each teacher/team will publish newsletters to be distributed in communication folders.
6. To encourage communication with parents, the school shall schedule no less than two (2) Parent Teacher Conferences per year.
 - a. Bryant Elementary will host two Parent Teacher Conferences during the school year to accommodate the varied schedules of families and language barriers.
 - b. It is the goal of Bryant Elementary to have 100% participation in these conferences. Every effort will be made to reschedule and follow-up as needed. Phone conferences will be made by the teacher if a parent is unable to attend the conference at school.

Parenting skills will be promoted and supported. To promote student learning, Bryant Elementary will:

1. Purchase parenting books and magazines along with other informational materials regarding responsible parenting to be kept in the school's media center.

2. Provide educational materials and games to be kept in a Parenting/Family Center on our campus on a check-out basis.

3. Parenting information sites and a computer will also be accessible in the Parenting/Family Center.

Parents will play an important role in assisting student learning. To help parents in this, Bryant Elementary will:

1. Provide testing information along with academic yearly progress in a general meeting at the beginning of the school year.

2. Plan family nights where family members will be actively engaged in learning activities and will be aware of what is being taught in their child's classroom. They will also be given examples of techniques that can be used at home helping their child achieve success.

3. Inform parents of the H.I.P.P.Y. preschool home program to better prepare preschools not attending a formal preschool with the same advantages of those attending a preschool program.

4. Involve parents in the celebration of student achievements by holding assemblies where students are recognized for academic achievement, perfect attendance, and outstanding citizenship.

We want all parents to feel welcome at Bryant Elementary and encourage their support and assistance through volunteering. To welcome parents in our school, we will:

1. Not have any policies or procedures that would discourage a parent from visiting our school. We will have a form that volunteers will be expected to sign as they come to our school. This will assure that the purpose of being a volunteer at Bryant Elementary will not interrupt the learning progress of students.

2. PTO and the Parental Involvement Coordinator will provide a volunteer resource book listing the interests and availability of volunteers for staff members use.

3. Incorporate new programs for both family members as a way for them to assist teachers and students, and to further build positive relationships between school and home.

Copies of this plan will be kept in our school office and in various location of our school in compliance with Section 1118 of Parental Involvement: Title1, Part A Non-Regulatory Guidance as required by the Arkansas Department of Education. Any parent may request a copy of this plan at any time.

There shall be an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the Parental Involvement Program at Bryant Elementary in the form of a survey that will be utilized to determine if there is increased participation and if there are any barriers in the program. Parents will be encouraged to return these surveys with written comments on how well the program is working.