

HURRICANE CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Family/Community Engagement Plan

Bryant School District
2018-2019

In accordance with Act 603 of 2003 and Act 397 of 2009:

A child's education is a responsibility shared by the Bryant School District and its families during the entire time a child attends its schools. To support the goal of educating all students effectively, the Bryant School District and parents/guardians must work as knowledgeable partners. Parent / guardians in the Bryant School District are diverse in culture, language and needs, and they are an integral component of the district's ability to provide for the educational successes of the children.

Hurricane Creek Elementary School believes that engaging parents/guardians in their children's education is essential to improving student achievement and the actual parent guardian engagement must be supported and promoted in all of its educational endeavors.

The purpose of Act 603 of 2003 requires a public school to create a family and community engagement plan. The Arkansas Department of Education recognizes the shared responsibility of the school and family during the time the child spends in school. Engaging parents is essential to improving student achievement. In addition, Act 397 of 2009 requires a public school to help parents assist students by providing instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment.

The purpose of Act 603 is to ensure that each public school implements a parental involvement plan. It is not the intention of the law for districts or schools with existing programs to create new programs but rather an opportunity to maintain and enhance the existing programs.

Parent/Guardian Involvement Program Guidelines

The Parent/Guardian Program at Hurricane Creek Elementary School shall:

1. Involve parent/guardians of student in grades K-5 in a variety of roles
2. Be comprehensive and coordinated
3. Recognize that communication between the home and the school should be regular, two way and meaningful.

Family Involvement:

To encourage communication with parents/guardians, **Hurricane Creek Elementary School** shall survey parents annually to determine options for their becoming involved in the school and in their children's total educational program. The school shall also prepare brochures describing:

- ❖ The school's parent/guardian involvement program
- ❖ The recommended roles of the parents/guardians, student, teachers, and school
- ❖ A system to permit parents/guardians and teachers to communicate in a regular, two-way and meaningful manner with their children's teachers and their children's principals.
- ❖ The school's address and contact information

Recommended Roles:

The recommended roles of PARENTS/GUARDIANS are as follows:

- Communicate with faculty and staff
- Be an active member in school activities and functions
- Offer assistance to your children to ensure academic success

The recommended roles of STUDENTS are as follows:

- Be active and engaged learners in the classroom and at home
- Take responsibility for actions and education
- Obey classroom and school rules

The recommended roles of TEACHERS are as follows:

- Effectively communicate with parent/guardians
- Effectively communicate with students
- Provide an open atmosphere for successful learning
- Provide parents/guardians with up-to date progress on student achievement and behavior
- Attend professional growth opportunities

The recommended role of **HURRICANE CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** is as follows:

- Provide parents/guardians with opportunities to be involved in their children's education
- Provide parents/guardians with opportunities to be involved in school activities and functions, including family nights with activities and suggestions to help parents assist in their child's learning
- Facilitate communication between teachers and parents/guardians.

Parenting

Options for parents/guardians to become involved in **Hurricane Creek Elementary School** are as follows:

- Open House/Orientation-before school starts
- Parent Teacher Conferences- Fall and Spring
- Family Nights - Literacy Nights, Math Nights (ECT.) – at least two per year
- All Pro Dad breakfast
- Parent Center Resources
- Report to the Public
- Grandparent breakfasts

Volunteering Opportunities

- Tutors
- Room-parents
- Watch Dog Dads
- Readers
- Chaperones for field trips and class events
- Resources and Funding Projects (PetCo, Target, Recycling Project, etc.)

Communicating:

A system to permit parents/guardians and teacher to communicate in a regular, two-way and meaningful manner with their children's teachers and their children's principals:

- Communication
 - Informational Packets-given at registration, open house, and conference times. This packet includes school calendars, school compact, school handbook, and supply list.
 - Classroom Newsletters
 - School and PTO Newsletters
 - Telephone calls
 - E-mails
 - District Website – [www. Bryantschools.org](http://www.Bryantschools.org)
 - Parent Teacher Conferences- Fall and Spring

- Eschool Home Access
- Social media – Bryant Facebook and Twitter pages
- Blackboard Connect

Promoting and Supporting Responsible Parenting:

Hurricane Creek Elementary will promote and support responsible parenting by:

- Providing parenting books and resources located in the school library.
- Providing a parent center within the school, which the district will provide:
 - Parenting Videos
 - Homework Help and Tips
 - Access to a computer/internet
 - Books with information on effective parenting

Hurricane Creek Elementary will encourage parental support by:

- Providing information about the family and community engagement policy on the school website:
- Visit with counselor or principal if needs arise.
- Utilize a volunteer coordinator who works with staff to provide volunteers as needed.
 - Volunteers must sign in with the front office
 - Volunteer training and contracts completed yearly
 - PTO website/social media:
 - Facebook: Hurricane Creek Elementary PTO and Volunteers
 - Twitter: _HCESPatriots
 - PTO Email - hcespto@gmail.com

Recognizing full partnerships between school and family

Hurricane Creek Elementary School recognizes that a parent is a full partner in the decisions that affect his or her child and family by including parents in:

- Scheduling parent teacher conferences at times agreed upon by parents, teachers, and or principal.
- Include parents on the handbook agenda committee to review and update handbook annually.
- Provide extra copies of the handbook/agenda so it will be available upon request.
- Involving parents on the ACSIP committee.

Extra:

Timeline of activities and events planned throughout the school year to encourage parent/guardian involvement.

Resource List Provided in the School Parent Center

District Parent Center contact information displayed on the website and in the school Parent Center.

The principal(s) of Hurricane Creek Elementary School will designate at least one certified staff member that is willing to serve as parent facilitator to organize meaningful training for staff and parents promoting and encouraging a welcoming atmosphere to parental involvement.

Designate a certified staff member at the beginning of the school year.

Seek supplemental payment for the designated employee

Show parental involvement as an asset to the school.

The Bryant School District will require (2) two hours of staff development for elementary teachers to enhance the understanding of effective parenting every four years. These two hours may be included

in the teacher's required (60) sixty hours of staff development required by the state. The district will provide (2) two hours of staff development.

Hurricane Creek Elementary School will annually review and update the parental involvement plan and submit to the Department of Education as part of the Bryant School District's Family and Community Engagement Plan. (***see below***)

Calendar of Engagement Opportunities / Events

<p><u>August</u> 9th - Open House 13th - Wahoo-Boohoo for kindergarten parents on the first day of school 23rd - Peanut Butter Drive 28th - PTO Meeting</p>	<p><u>September</u> 17th - 21st - Patriot Day / Celebrate Freedom Week 25th - PTO Meeting / Report to the Public 27th - Watch Dog Dad Kickoff 28th - Snack Day #1</p>	<p><u>October</u> 3rd - Fall Pictures 5th - Feed the Sr. Hornets Football Team 5th - 12th - Fall Book Fair 9th - Grandparent Lunch K-2 11th - Grandparent Lunch 3-5 11th - Flu Clinic 25th - Parent Teacher Conferences 22nd - 26th Red Ribbon Week 29th - Door Decorating Contest 30th - Family Folk Dance - 3rd (PTO) 31st - Snack Day #2 ?? Jog-A-Thon Fundraiser 12th All Pro Dad Breakfast</p>
<p><u>November</u> 9th - Pink Patriot Day for Breast Cancer Awareness 15th - Thanksgiving Feast - 1st grade musical 16th - Snack Day #3 16th - 17th - Holidays @ Hurricane 27th - PTO Meeting 30th - Field Trip - 3rd grade All Pro Dad Breakfast</p>	<p><u>December</u> 6th - Spelling Bee 6th - Elem. STEM Night Bryant Christmas parade PTO Meeting 13th - 2nd grade musical 21st - Snack Day #4: <i>Christmas Parties</i> Box Tops 2nd. Qtr.</p>	<p><u>January</u> 17th - Family Night 25th - Mother Son Event 28th - Snack Day #5 28th - Feb. 1 Kindness Week 29th - PTO Meeting</p>
<p><u>February</u> 9th - Father Daughter Dance 12th - Spring Pictures 14th - Snack Day #6: <i>Valentine Parties</i> 21st - Class Picture 26th - PTO Meeting 28th - Art Walk Box Tops 3rd. Qtr. Chess Tournament All Pro Dad Breakfast</p>	<p><u>March</u> 1st - Read Across America Day 7th - Kindergarten Musical 14th - Snack Day #7 14th - Parent teacher conferences 26th - PTO Meeting/Talent Show</p>	<p><u>April</u> 10th - Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 10th - Parent Teacher Conferences 16th - 4th Grade Recorder Concert 22nd - Earth Day 19th - 25th - Spring Book Fair 26th - Snack Day #8: <i>End of Testing Celebration</i> 27nd - Refashion Bash 30th - PTO meeting All Pro Dad Breakfast</p>
<p><u>May</u> 3rd - Spring Fling 10th - teacher luncheon 17th - Snack Day #9: <i>End of Year Celebration</i> 20th - 5th graduation 22nd - End of Year Celebration 24th - A.R. Celebration</p>	<p>Yearly Activities: Thursday / daily folders</p>	