



*Braeburn Elementary
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**Braeburn Elementary School
Title I, Part A Parent/Family Engagement Policy
2020-2021**

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PURPOSE: Braeburn Elementary School supports success in student education and therefore, joins forces with parents or guardians in their child(ren)'s education. We developed this policy and School Parent Compact to describe how to enhance our parent's participation with their child(ren)'s achievement in their education. We pledge by developing this Parent/Family Engagement Policy, to assist in our students' future by maintaining strong communication and providing opportunities to enhance parental involvement through the school year.

POLICY INVOLVEMENT: We invite our parents at the beginning of the year to participate in the Title 1 Part A requirements in implementing and revising a plan of action to increase parental involvement. School encourages parents by posting in advance on the marquee date of annual meeting, send home notices and Class Dojo site. At our last parent meeting of the school year, we address parental suggestions on how to improve and revise our school policy for the following school year.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT: Despite the current worldwide pandemic and the logistical obstacles currently being dealt with, we have established virtual methods to continue our outreach. Through Teams meetings, our Braeburn web page, Facebook and Twitter social media presence as well with Class Dojo customizable communications, we aim to reach our community and help embrace this new method of connecting. Once we can return to the usual manner of keeping in touch, we will return to those traditional channels. Our pledge continues with "Meet and Greet Day"; which opens up parental communication, allows parent to become familiarized with our campus, class schedules, and classroom expectations. Those days we all will look forward to.

Braeburn Elementary holds annual and frequent meetings during the school year, to inform parents of Title 1 school requirements and the benefits of being a Title 1 school. We continue to inform parents of our goals, expectations, and special program being offered, encourage parental participating in planning, address parental concerns, improvement of Title 1 programs, including presenting contributing/revising to this parental involvement policy. This will be completed through a total of four AM and PM meetings throughout the year with flexible time early or later in the day for a total of 8 altogether.

PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT: Our school communicates with parents on a timely manner in English and Spanish concerning the state's curriculum, assessment and expectations, and school wide requirements in relation to instruction, techniques utilized to evaluate student work, and individual classroom routines to improve our student academic success. High volume of communication is done through our Braeburn Class Dojo site, student folder, Wednesday Notification Day, electronically outreach through our website, call-out as well as phone calls from staff. At our virtual parental meetings, we continue to explain promotion guidelines, curriculum, student performances, Brain Pop, parent/student counseling, parent interpreters and Saturday STAAR Tutorials, and how parents can support and participate in these events.

SCHOOL PARENT COMPACT: A district model for the school-parent compact was developed jointly with parents and participating Title 1 students. It explains how parents, school staff and the students will all share responsibility for each student's academic success. This pledged is also used to motivate students and parents to become more involved in the educational process and equal partnership in our students.

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR INVOLVEMENT: It is part of Braeburn's role to teach and strengthen parents how to help their children learn. One way this is done is by holding parental training to explain district, state and national education guidelines provided by the distinct guidelines. Information provided will allow parent to better support their child's learning such as understanding the importance of challenging academic standards and how to help children meet these standards, and monitor children progress in academic skills that help parents successful with their children. In addition, Braeburn has A partnership with Head Start and HISD Parent Engagement Center, and Texas Children Hospital concerning community outreach on parental literacy training, parent education and health assistance. Along with our SAF Wraparound district specialist.

PARENT TRAINING AND INVOLVEMENT: Again, with the reality of the worldwide pandemic, many avenues of the usual paths of interaction between school and community have been halted. Yet we look forward to opportunities to go back and anticipate our usual endeavors. Such as presentations that are designed to help parents with decision-making skills regarding their child's education. Materials and training provided to help parents assist their children in various programs present throughout the school year. The Programs will consist of educational field trips, Family Math/Science Nights. Ongoing training is provided to teachers/staff members. Braeburns' staff is taught the importance of involving parents and building ties between home and school. We encourage parents to set up a conference time with their child's teacher(s) and communicate with parents about volunteering and school happenings.

COMMUNICATION: Participation and involvement of all parents is important regardless of English proficiency, mobility or disability. We ensure that parents with disabilities can participate by providing handicapped access to all areas of our campus, including classrooms, meeting and conference areas. All our correspondence related to student achievement, school performance, school and parent programs, meetings and other opportunities for participation is sent home in Spanish and English. All our standard information

included in our Parental Involvement Policy, School-Parent Compact, report cards, and progress reports, parent teacher meetings, Open House, and Early Dismissal.