



# JOYCE BENBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2021-2022

Benbrook Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy prepares leaders to aim high, hold the vision, and achieve greatness. At Benbrook we believe the parents and the community are an asset. Benbrook believes that parent involvement is important to help us achieve these goals. Benbrook hopes to achieve these goals through communication from the school and providing many opportunities for parental involvement.

Benbrook Title 1 will hold an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents will be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of the school's participation, and to explain the requirements under this part, and the right of parents to be involved.

1. Benbrook will send parents notifications of Title 1 meetings in both English and Spanish, utilizing flyers, marquee, call-out system, school website and Microsoft Teams.
2. Benbrook will hold 8 annual meetings (4) Fall and (4) Spring offering both AM and PM session to provide parents with a Title 1 update.
3. Parents will have the opportunity to provide suggestions regarding decisions on their child(s) education.

Parents will be involved in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of programs in a language that parents understand, using interpreters as needed. Parent and Family Engagement meetings will be held once a month to discuss policy, compacts, learning opportunities, health news, technology, and any other content. Parents/Families will have opportunities at monthly meetings to provide suggestions in decisions relating to the education of their children. Parents are invited to SDMC School Decision Making Committee meetings to help develop the school's improvement plan.

Benbrook will provide parents programs that include a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet by:

1. Send notification regarding academic assessments students will be receiving and notifications of results.
2. Send home, or on parent connect, progress reports
3. Send home, or on parent connect, report cards

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4. Send home information of district and state required notification of assessments.
5. Parents will have the opportunity to schedule conferences with the teachers to discuss the education of the children.
6. Monthly meetings provide assistance to parents/families in understanding topics on State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, and how to monitor a child's progress and how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.
7. Monthly meetings can provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology.
  - a. Family Reading, Math, Science and Health nights.
  - b. Technology night to have parents sign up for Parent University and Parent Connect to monitor the progress of their children.

Benbrook will take the following actions to provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified by sending a letter home and/or phone call.

## **School-Parent Compact**

This School -Parent – Child compact is a document that serves as an agreement between all parties at this school. Each section talks about how the Teacher, Parent, School and child will help with the education of the child. This compact should be used to motivate all involved to do their part in the success of the student's education at school. The compact can be revisited at any time to make changes or review what was put in place.

## **Building Capacity for Involvement:**

Benbrook will jointly develop with parents for all children served under this part a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and student will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It takes a village to raise a child, someone once said. Here at Benbrook all teachers, parents, and students are part of the whole.

Benbrook will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics by undertaking the actions described in 1. The state's academic content standards 2. The state's student academic achievement standards 3. The state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments. 4. The requirements for title 1-part A 5. How to monitor their child's progress 6. How to work with the teacher a. Literacy workshops for K-5th grade for parents b. Saturday tutoring for students that are struggling to meet standards for local and state

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assessments. c. Provide after school tutorial for grades K-5th . d. Provide materials and online programs for math and reading to improve student academic performance. e. Hire academic tutors for struggling readers. Benbrook will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children’s academic achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement.

1. Provide Imagine Math/Literacy and Renaissance 360, in math and reading.
2. Provide materials in reading and math to improve academic achievement.
3. Hire a Parent Representative to conduct monthly meetings on instructional best practices.

## **Accessibility:**

Benbrook, with the parents, will educate the teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with the parents as equal partners in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and school by:

1. Providing parents an opportunity to communicate with teachers via email, HISD Connect, Microsoft TEAMS.
2. Provide a website that includes teacher email address information.
3. Telephone conferences during teacher planning times.
4. Written notifications in English and Spanish and others upon request. Benbrook will to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement.

The school will encourage and support parents in participating in the education of their children by providing opportunities for parents to visit the class virtually during planned teacher parent meetings to encourage parents to participate in the education of the students. Adoption This School Parental and Family Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with and agreed on with the parents of children participating in Title 1 programs. The policy was adopted by Benbrook Elementary and will be in effect for the 2021-2022 school year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title 1 children by September 23, 2021 in letters and it will be located on the Benbrook website.

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Principal

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