



Berry Parent Engagement Policy



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<p>Statement of Purpose</p>	<p>James Berry Elementary School is dedicated to providing a quality education for every student. The school will develop and maintain partnerships with parents/caregivers, patrons and community members. The school will involve parents/caregivers in all aspects of the various local, state, and federal programs offered at the school. By maintaining open lines of communication, the learning opportunities and environment for every child will be enhanced.</p>
<p>Parent Involvement In Policy Development</p>	<p>The Berry Elementary Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) is comprised of a parent, members of the community, teachers and the school principal. This committee will discuss the design and implementation of the Berry Elementary Involvement Policy and be involved in the process of school review and improvement. As members of SDMC, parents may offer suggestions and the school will respond to suggestions. SDMC minutes will be posted on the school website.</p>
<p>Annual Meeting For Title I Parents</p>	<p>Berry Elementary uses Title I funds to provide school-wide services for all students. Berry Elementary will hold at least one meeting annually to review Title I guidelines and services offered through the school. Copies of the school's current Parent Involvement Policy is on the website and the Berry Elementary Parent-Student Compact will be distributed at the beginning of the year. During the Title I Annual meeting, parents will be informed of Title I, Part A programs, student goals and progress measures.</p>
<p>Parent-Student Compacts</p>	<p>In accordance with Title I regulations, Berry Elementary has developed and will annually update a parent-student compact. Students and parents are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact. This compact will provide an outline to enable the school and parents/caregivers to share responsibility for student performance and success.</p>
<p>Programs and the School Community</p>	<p>Berry Elementary will support many varied ways of parental involvement as it strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish translators will be provided for parents as needed. • Information will be provided in both English and Spanish. • Parents may contribute through volunteer programs (VIPs). • Parents may contribute by creating a supportive home environment. • Parents are invited to participate in parent-teacher conferences. • Parents are invited to help plan and conduct parties and attend field trips. • Parents may participate by attending school meetings. • Parents are invited to serve on committees.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents are invited to eat meals with their children. • Parent Education classes are offered weekly. • Parents are invited to attend school programs and family nights. • Community members are invited to attend as well as help sponsor events.
Staff and Parent Communication	<p>Parents/caregivers will be informed of school activities through various avenues of communication throughout the school year. Family Access system, newsletters, teacher notes, the school marquee, conferences, Group Me, phone calls and written notices will be used to establish and maintain open lines of communication with parents/caregivers. Weekly and/or daily folders are sent home with every student. Progress reports will be sent home at four and a half weeks of each grading period and report cards are sent home at the end of each nine week grading period</p> <p>Meet the Teacher will be held at the beginning of the school year to help facilitate parent/teacher introductions, as well as assist the student with beginning the year on a positive note.</p> <p>Berry Elementary will provide each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the STAAR assessment in at least math, writing, and reading.</p> <p>Berry Elementary will notify parents in a timely manner when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.</p> <p>Parent Learning Series will provide assistance to parents to help understand state academic standards, student achievement levels, state assessments, and ways to support students at home.</p> <p>Berry Elementary staff members will be trained in positive communication activities as well as effective ways to work with parents, students, and members of the community. Berry Elementary will use the Conscious Discipline program to promote positive social emotional behavior and to create a school family. Berry Elementary staff will maintain a record of parent contacts throughout the school year.</p>
Funding	<p>Berry Elementary School is required to set aside 1 percent of Title Funds for the purpose of family engagement. Berry has a Family Engagement Campus Liaison. This person is responsible for documentation of all family activities that occur at our campus and to help educate faculty and staff on the importance of parent and family involvement.</p>
Conclusion	<p>The Berry Elementary SDMC will review and evaluate all aspects of the parent involvement program. Documented parent contact records will be used to determine the number and kind of interaction between school and parents. The SDMC will revise the school Parent Engagement Policy based on the results of this annual review.</p>