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Bradford Elementary School (BRADFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT)
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Bradford AR 72020
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School Parent Involvement Policy

**This form was adapted from, *A Toolkit for Title I Parent Involvement.*
Ferguson, C. (2009). *A Toolkit for Title I Parental Involvement.* Austin, TX: SEDL.**

Hint

District
Bradford School District

School Improvement Status
During the 2015-2016 school year, the Bradford Elementary School was assigned a state rating of B.

Grade Levels
K-12

Parent Involvement Coordinator
Leslie Dunn

Are you Title I Schoolwide?
 Yes
 No
 N/A

Percent of free and reduced lunch
100

Parent Involvement Committee Members
(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

Enter committee members
First Name
Kayla
Last Name
Lock
Position
Building Parent Facilitator

Enter committee members
First Name
Crystal
Last Name
Yates
Position
Parent

Enter committee members
First Name
Brenda
Last Name
Osborn
Position
Grandparent

Enter committee members

First Name

Carol

Last Name

Cagle

Position

Grandparent

Enter committee members

First Name

Mary

Last Name

Goad

Position

Parent

Enter committee members

First Name

Dennis

Last Name

Mannon

Position

Grandparent

Enter committee members

First Name

Kathy

Last Name

Mannon

Position

Grandparent

Enter committee members

First Name

Bree

Last Name

Burruss

Position

Parent

1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.

The school uses Home Access Center to provide parents a way to student's assignments, current grades, absenteeism, and continued progress thought the year. The parents are provided the pin number to access the Home Access Center at Open House yearly. The parents are provided with a parent packet during open house which contains teacher's email address and prep period.

Communication folders are sent home with students on a daily basis allowing the teacher to stay in touch with the parents. These folders contain homework assignments, upcoming events notification, and child's behavior.

The school will provide parents progress reports every four and a half weeks containing information about their child's academic progress.

The school utilizes the district website, online forum, and school sign to provide information to the parents. The district website has the student handbook, proposed calendar, parent links, athletic schedules, lunch menus, and upcoming on Google calendar.

2. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)

Open House August 11, 2016, Parent/Teacher Conference September 22, 2016 and February 8, 2017

Literacy Night & Book fair will be held in the Fall 2016 and Math Night will be held in the Spring of 2017

Band & Choir Concerts December 8, 2016, March 14, 2017, and May 11, 2017

All parents are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom, WATCH Dog Dads, assisting with field trips, donating required materials, sharing a hobby or their job skill, working on playground improvement, participating in Parent Teacher Organization, serve on parent advisory committee, coordinating volunteers for school functions, sharing information about their culture or language, and reading with or to students.

3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state mandated parent training)?

- The Bradford Elementary encourages parents and/or community member to come read in the classroom.
- The Bradford Elementary offers an after school program for homework and tutoring.
- The Bradford Elementary will provide instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment with their, including without limitation: role play and demonstration by trained volunteer, the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Department of Education.
- The Bradford Elementary will also provide (Staff Development) The State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall require no fewer than two (2) hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance the understand of effective parental involvement strategies. No fewer than three (3) hours of professional development for administrators designed to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation.

4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact?

- The school parent compact will be created with mutual work of school staff, parents, and students.
- This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards.

5. How will your school provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program?

- To take advantage of community resources, the Bradford Elementary school shall consider recruiting alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.
- The elementary school shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school.

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

- The Bradford elementary school will provide a resource room/parent center for the parents. Parents may check out materials, use the computer to check grades, and visit educational Web sites. The school will open the resource room/parent center at hours that are convenient to parents.
- The elementary school will distribute Informational packets each year at open house this packets, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/ teachers/students and school, suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, calendar of activities planned for the current school year and information about the school that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate (notes, phone calls, e-mail, and prep times...).
- To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall, as funds are available: Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library, advertise the current selection, and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review.
- The school will include in the school's handbook the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions.
- The principal of Bradford Elementary has designate (1) certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator.

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parental involvement efforts?

The Bradford Elementary will send out a needs assessment survey to parents, staff, and students to evaluate the parental involvement program. The results of need assessment will be reviewed by the parental involvement committee and changes will be made as needed.

8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year?

- The Bradford Elementary School will ask parents to fill out a parent survey during open house and at the beginning of each school year to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child academically. The school will use the results of this survey to assist in planning parental involvement activities.

9. When will your school plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately? (It CANNOT be held in conjunction with any other meetings or activities.)

The Bradford Elementary school will plan to hold a Title I meeting for all stakeholders to attend in the spring of 2017.

****After completion of this form, the school should print and submit to district for review and approval. Once approved, the school is required to post their School Parent Plan on their website.***