

## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

### PURPOSE:

The Bristol Warren Regional School District (BWRSD) is committed to providing every child with access to an education, consistent with our district's strategic plan and applicable federal and state requirements. In order to promote collaborative relationships between students, families, schools, and the district, the BWRSD encourages parents/guardians to become active partners in their children's education.

### POLICY:

In accordance with this policy the Superintendent shall ensure that all schools have practices in place to:

- Keep parents/guardians thoroughly informed about their child's school and education
- Encourage parents/guardians to be involved in their child's school and education
- Establish effective two-way communication between parents/guardians
- Seek input from parents/guardians on significant school-related issues
- Inform parents/guardians on how they can assist in their child's learning

Additionally, the Superintendent shall ensure that the district incorporates the following family engagement practices related to *Title I* as outlined in the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA - 2016)*:

- Involve parents in the joint development of the district strategic plan and school improvement plans
- Provide the support necessary to assist schools in implementing effective family engagement activities
- Conduct an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of this policy in improving the academic quality of Title I schools, including identifying barriers to greater participation by families, (especially family members who are economically disadvantaged, disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are a racial or ethnic minority) and use the findings to design strategies to support successful school and family engagement activities
- Involve families in schools activities, which may include establishing an advisory board to develop, revise and review engagement practices

Furthermore, the Superintendent shall ensure that any school receiving *Title I* funding conducts the following practices annually to ensure effective family engagement:

- Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time to which all parents of students receiving Title I services are invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents that their school receives Title I funds, that these funds come with requirements, and that parents have a right to be involved
- Offer a flexible number of engagement activities at convenient times for families
- Provide parents and families with:
  - Information about Title I-funded programs
  - An explanation of the curriculum and achievement levels the school uses
  - Opportunities for regular meetings to participate in decisions relating to the education of their child
- Jointly develop with parents of students receiving Title I services a school-parent compact that outlines how families, school, staff and students will share the responsibility for improved

student academic achievement and develop a partnership to help students achieve state standards

- Ensure effective involvement of parents/guardians and support a partnership among the school, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement

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