

Bethalto East Parent Involvement Policy

PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Bethalto East Primary School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

* Consistent with section 1118, the school will work to ensure that the required school level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118 of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA. (See Enclosure)

* Schools will notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The policy will be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

* In carrying out the Title I, Part A, parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in language parents understand.

* If the school-wide program plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1114(b) of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the local educational agency (Bethalto Community Unit School District #8).

* The school will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the 1 percent reserved goes directly to the schools.

* The school will build its own and the parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

* The school will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 of the ESEA as the parents may request.

* The school will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

(A) That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;

(B) That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;

(C) That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;

(D) The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCHOOLS WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. **Bethalto East Primary School** will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its school parental involvement plan under section 1118 of the ESEA:

An Open House/Parent Meeting will be held in September of each year. At the Parent Meeting, the school principal and Title I Teacher will make sure parents receive information regarding the Title I Parent Involvement Policy and School Compact.

2. **Bethalto East Primary School** will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:

Parents will be asked to review the school's improvement plan. Feedback will be solicited through an annual survey. Additionally, the Principal and Title I teacher will hold meetings with the Parent Advisory Committee. The Title Teacher and principal will make building level presentations pertinent to school improvement at PTO meetings.

3. **Bethalto East Primary School** will hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a time convenient for parents and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting, and will encourage them to attend, by:

An invitation will be sent to parents inviting them to attend the annual Title I Open House/Parent Meeting that will be held in September of each year. At this event, parents will receive information regarding the school's participation in Title I, the parents right to be involved and a review of the school's Compact. Parents will have the opportunity to tour their child's school, meet with the teachers and other school personnel, learn about our curriculum as well as our district resources.

4. **Bethalto East Primary School** will provide parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes 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:

An informational Open House will be held in September for the purpose of explaining our school's Title I program, curriculum and assessments. Teachers will further discuss this information at Parent Teacher Conferences with individual families. The Principal and Title I teacher will also update parents quarterly at PTO Meetings.

5. **Bethalto East Primary School** will at the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible by:

Parent Advisory Meetings will be held regularly in conjunction with the PTO meetings. Information gained from parent meetings will be discussed at our School Improvement Team Meetings.

6. **Bethalto East Primary School** will provide each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading by:

Bethalto East Primary School is a Pre-K through 1st Grade Building. Therefore, we do not participate in State Assessments.

Report cards providing information regarding students' academic progress are provided to parents quarterly.

7. **Bethalto East Primary School** 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 within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002) by:

All teachers in BCUSD 8 are highly qualified.

8. **Bethalto East Primary School** will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph --

- the state's academic content standards,
- the state's student academic achievement standards,
- the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- the requirements of Part A,
- how to monitor their child's progress, and
- how to work with educators:

(List activities, such as workshops, conferences, classes, both in-state and out-of-state, including any equipment or other materials that may be necessary to ensure success.)

- ***TITLE I and PACT will host Pre-K Literacy Nights – informing parents about techniques and strategies parents can use at home to increase literacy skills (books, snacks, supplies)***
- ***School and Classroom Newsletters and Teacher's Classroom Websites provide resources, tips and strategies to help parents improve their child's academic achievement.***
- ***Parent/Teacher Conferences are held twice a year.***
- ***Open House in September***
- ***Ongoing Parent Meeting in coordination with PTO Meetings***

- *Participate in district-wide Title I Community Event providing parents with community and academic resources.*
- *Host two family nights per year (meals, materials)*
- *Staff is provided ongoing professional development throughout the school year during School Improvement Days*
- *Offer District-Wide Parent Meetings*
- *Informational Meetings in conjunction with PTO meetings to review curriculum, assessment and how to work with their child's teacher*

9. **Bethalto East Primary School** 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, by:

- *PACT and Title I Literacy Nights*
- *Ongoing TITLE I meetings at PTO Meetings*
- *District-Wide Literacy Workshops for parents, held quarterly*
- *District Wide Community Night*

10. **Bethalto East Primary School** will, with the assistance of its parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with 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 schools, by:

The School Improvement Team will work in conjunction with the Parent Advisory Committee to create successful opportunities for parent involvement.

11. **Bethalto East Primary School** will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, public preschool, and other programs. The school will also conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:

The school has a Pre-K program ...

Title I and PACT will work with and plan activities in conjunction with Bethalto Head Start.

Bethalto East has a memorandum of understanding with CFC (Children Family Connections). This understanding allows CFC to be involved in the Pre-K Screening process for early intervention. Bethalto East screening team and CFC meet to assist with the transition of students from CFC programs to potential Pre-K placement.

Head Start employees are involved in the Bethalto East Pre-K screening procedures for possible dually enrolled students and home-based services.

Bethalto East collaborates with Region 3 Coop.

Title I and PACT (Parents and Child Together) have a partnership with the Bethalto Public Library to support each other and each other's program.

12. **Bethalto East Primary School** will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent-programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

All informational flyers and invitations sent home to notify parents of school events and activities will be given in the home language, upon request.

Notifications and Reminders will be sent to parents via Remind 101

Bethalto East Primary Center will update its website and Facebook page to keep parents up-to date.

PART III. DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

NOTE: The School Parental Involvement Policy may include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the school district, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school and school system to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under section 1118(e) of the ESEA:

- involving parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training;
- providing necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds, if the school district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training;
- paying reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and childcare costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions;
- training parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;
- arranging school meetings at a variety of times, or conducting in-home conferences between teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children, arrange meetings with parents who are unable to attend conferences at school in order to maximize parental involvement and participation in their children's education;
- adopting and implementing model approaches to improving parental involvement;
- establishing a school parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs;
- developing appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities.

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PART IV. ADOPTION

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

This policy was adopted by Bethalto East Primary School in August of 2016 and will be in effect for the period of one year. The school will post a copy of the Parent Involvement Policy on the school website.


Principal of Bethalto East Primary School

8/30/16
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