

BELL AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parent Involvement Policy - Title 1

2016-2017

The Bell Avenue Elementary School's Title I Parent Involvement Policy embraces and reflects the vision and beliefs of the William Penn School District.

Our vision is to engage all staff, parents, and members of the larger community as "Champions for Children" to assure a safe and positive atmosphere for learning in which all students can achieve high academic standards and acquire skills of productive citizenship which values and respects self and others.

- We believe that every individual has worth.
- We believe that every individual can learn.
- We believe that students, parents, school, and community working in partnership promote lifelong learning.
- We believe that every individual in the learning community is entitled to a safe and healthy environment.
- We believe that every individual is entitled to access to opportunities which develop one's potential.
- We believe that our community's diversity is its strength.
- We believe that knowledge is the result of active and purposeful learning.

Bell Avenue Elementary School invites all parents to become involved in their child's education by taking part in the Bell Avenue Home and School Association and as a parent in our classrooms. To promote meaningful parent communication and participation, the Bell Avenue Elementary School staff will communicate with our parents in several ways; by telephone; by email; in person; and using our "Communicator Student Folder," which is sent home every Wednesday afternoon with important information. We will host several community events throughout the school year to increase parental involvement and to build solid relationships with the school staff and our families. In addition, we will provide professional development opportunities to educate school staff in enhancing customer service relations and in understanding the value of parents as contributing partners. In order to ensure that our parents attend Title I sponsored events at the Bell Avenue Elementary School we will provide child-care free of charge.

In this regard, Bell Avenue Elementary School will host our parents during the following events: Home and School Meetings, a Kindergarten Parent's breakfast with the Principal; a Back-to-School Night; a Curriculum Night Open house; three report card conferences; a Black History Celebration; Student talent shows; Muffins for mom; Donuts for dad; a Cat in the Hat's birthday celebration; an annual parent meeting to update the current Parent Involvement Policy, and other events as scheduled. Parents of Title I students will be asked to complete a survey at the end of each school year as a way to give input concerning parent involvement activities and the implementation of the Title I Program for the next year.

At the update meeting, our parents will be given an opportunity to collaborate with the school's team and to revise details in the current plan. Parents will have the opportunity to learn about the school's standards-based curriculum, local and state assessments, and proficiency expectations at our Back-to-School Night and at report card conferences. At our Home and School meetings PSSA information will be shared and our parents will attend workshops to learn strategies and techniques to help support their child's educational performance in regards to assessments and Common Core academic standards.

Bell Avenue Elementary School receives a financial allocation from the school district each year to promote parental involvement and to provide funds for parent workshops. The Principal is available for consultation and welcomes parental input in determining how to best use these funds to support their involvement in the academic success of their children.

The components of our Title I plan provide our parents with the opportunities to:

- ✓ Build relationships with school staff educating their children
- ✓ Obtain information regarding highly qualified staff
- ✓ Engage in decision making in regards to funding allocations
- ✓ Participate in developing and updating our Parental Involvement Policy
- ✓ Obtain a copy of our Title I Parental Involvement Policy
- ✓ Secure technical assistance and support in planning and implementing an effective parental involvement policy
- ✓ Obtain resources, materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their academic and overall school performance; i.e. literacy, mathematics and technology
- ✓ Obtain school information regarding planned parent programs, meetings and activities in a timely manner and in a readable format
- ✓ Participate in our annual meeting for Title I parents and those held at different times during the school year
- ✓ Obtain a description of the curriculum and assessments used in the school and annual grade achievement proficiency targets set
- ✓ Attend Home and School meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate in decision making related to the education of their children
- ✓ Obtain and sign the Bell Avenue School, parent, student and school compact

WILLIAM PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TITLE I HOME/SCHOOL COMPACT
(Bell Avenue Elementary School)
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School's Responsibilities

The Bell Avenue Elementary School will provide high quality instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that will foster success for every student by:

- Treating every child and family with dignity and respect.
- Ensuring the safety of every child during the school day.
- Striving to address the individual needs of each student with quality learning experiences.
- Ensuring that clear expectations for performance are communicated to parents and students.
- Acknowledging that parents are vital to the success of the school and its students.

Teacher's Responsibilities

I understand the importance of the school experience to every student and my role as teacher and model. Therefore, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- Incorporating state and district standards into the Title I program.
- Teaching necessary concepts, skills and strategies to each student.
- Striving to address the needs of each student.
- Providing ongoing support and feedback to parents, including ways to help children with assignments.
- Working collaboratively with teachers and parents to provide the best possible program for our children.

Parent(s)/Caregiver's Responsibilities

I realize the importance of working cooperatively with the school. I understand that my partnership with the school/Title I staff and participation in my child's education will help his/her academic achievement. Therefore, I agree to carry out to the best of my ability:

- Creating a home environment that supports learning, including reading with my child at least 15 minutes daily.
- Sending my child to school regularly.
- Monitoring homework assignments, giving help and support when needed.
- Attending as many school functions, conferences and parent workshops as I can.
- Reviewing all school communications and responding promptly.
- Actively participating in decisions related to the education of my child.

Student's Responsibilities

- I know that my education is important to me. It will help me to become a lifelong learner. I know that my parents want to help me, but I am the one who is responsible for my own success. Therefore, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:
- Taking home my homework assignments, completing the, and returning them to school on time.
- Asking for help when I don't understand something or when I need to talk to someone.
- Being a cooperative learner and carrying out the teacher's instructions and directions.
- Being respectful of school personnel, other students and school property.
- Obeying and respecting school rules.

Principal's Signature: _____	Date: _____
Title I Teacher's Signature: _____	Date: _____
Parent's Signature: _____	Date: _____
Student's Signature: _____	Date: _____