



Parent and Family Engagement Policy

B-C Grammar School #1 supports the belief that education is a shared responsibility with school success depending directly on the equal engagement and contribution of all of its stakeholders—students, teachers, administrators, parents and the community. It is our goal to continue to develop positive working relationships with parents and to provide regular communication to them concerning the education of their children including information about our school and its programs. B-C Grammar School #1 also acknowledges that parents play an integral role in student learning and achievement. We seek to maintain and improve parent and family engagement and support for education and provide a positive image of public education for the community as a whole. As part of our Parent and Family Engagement Policy we recognize the importance of identifying the specific needs of our parent population (cultural differences, ability levels, physical disabilities, economic limitations, etc.) and make great efforts to provide appropriate services for all. The components of B-C Grammar School #1's Parent and Family Engagement Policy for the 2017-2018 school year are as follows:

1. Continue to practice an "open door" policy regarding parent visitation. Parents are always welcome to visit the school, their children's classrooms, and special events such as Orientation and Open House, Curriculum Night, Awards Days, Book Fairs, Character and Careers Days, STEAM Festival, International Festival and PTO and SIC events.
2. Conduct regular communication between school and home
 - ⇒ Provide Premier Agendas for each student that contains the Student Handbook information on school/district policies, the school mission and belief statements, contact information and the school calendar.
 - ⇒ Teacher-parent communication via homework folders, classroom newsletters, progress reports, telephone calls, Parent Link, written notes, e-mail and home visits
 - ⇒ Parent/Teacher conferences for the review of student progress, grades, Star and state assessment scores, and behavior and/or safety concerns
 - ⇒ Post upcoming school events on the school marquee, Facebook, Twitter, and/or other social media accounts
 - ⇒ Publication of our school newsletter, the *Bearcat Bulletin*, monthly that includes upcoming events, recognition of accomplishments, articles from the school counselor, Principal or other interest groups
 - ⇒ Maintain the school web-site with updated information about our school and staff members.
 - ⇒ Publish the school summary report in the spring of 2018
 - ⇒ Display copies of the B-C Grammar School No. 1 school brochure and extra copies of newsletters



3. Support the school PTO and sponsored events that encourage parent engagement such as the Spring Fling, Adopt-A- Book program, Grandparents Day, Duty Free Lunch for teachers, Pastries for Parents and the parent volunteer program
4. Recognize needs of non-English speaking families by distributing written school information in their native language and providing translators for conferences and other face-to-face communication
5. The Guidance program will offer the following programs involving parents:
 - ⇒ Publish articles in monthly school newsletters on how parents can support the character education program themes in the home setting as well as articles on general parenting tips.
 - ⇒ Send home student/family activities and/or information sheets with each child after classroom guidance lessons.
 - ⇒ Coordinate special events involving family members such as, Character and Careers Day, Red Ribbon Week, Family Fun Skate Night and community service projects to assist local social service organizations.
 - ⇒ Offer support groups and parent workshops
 - ⇒ Conduct parent conferences and home visits as needed
 - ⇒ Plan and conduct Family Curriculum Night to provide opportunities for engaging parents in current curriculum information.
 - ⇒ B-C Grammar School #1 faculty and staff members will participate in staff development to assist with developing positive relationships with parents.