



2015-16 Family Engagement Policy

In Bryan ISD, we believe that ***Children are First***. Our mission is to *provide positive educational experiences that ensure high school graduation and post-secondary success*. Family Engagement in our schools is all about our students and making sure that this mission is fulfilled. In Bryan ISD, our ultimate objective is to collaborate with families as full partners in the learning and development of their children. To accomplish this objective, our goals include:

Goal 1: Create strong communication between the home and the school.

We will promote this goal by:

1. Fostering school/home communication through information sent home in notes, school calendars, and regular newsletters, personal contact, and the use of technology (email, websites, voice messages, ParentLink calls, social media, etc.). Information will be sent in the language of the home (literacy level and spoken language);
2. Showing respect to families by responding quickly to questions, calls, emails, and/or texts;
3. Providing regular information from school to home on student's progress.

Goal 2: Develop lasting partnerships between schools, families, businesses, and the community.

We will promote this goal by:

1. Involving families, students, businesses, and community partners to help identify needs;
2. Encouraging effective communication;
3. Sharing information with families, community members, and staff to recruit, develop, maintain, evaluate, and recognize outstanding community partnerships;
4. Applying community service values and creating more educational opportunities that enrich students' and families' lives, promote "real-world" opportunities, and help train leaders;
5. Distributing information about community resources to teachers and families;
6. Involving parents in the development of the District Improvement Plan and in the annual evaluation of the District Parent Involvement Policy.

Goal 3: Encourage schools to provide help to families that supports learning at home.

We will promote this goal by:

1. Sharing information on importance of the family's role in learning;
2. Providing information (resources and training) to families on activities for learning at home;
3. Providing lists on how to contact campus, district, and community resources, when needed;
4. Providing information and help to families when the student is struggling academically.

Goal 4: Establish strong relationships between school and home.

This goal will be promoted by:

1. Having opportunities for parents, family members, students, and schools to work together for students;
2. Offering family-friendly events at schools and other locations, as identified by all involved;
3. Providing district support to campuses as they implement the following parent involvement activities:
 - a. Offer activities, training, and events for families at a variety of times and places;
 - b. Meet at each school at least once a year to discuss and review campus services, the state's academic subject and achievement standards;
 - c. Provide yearly training to faculty and staff to enhance family engagement;
 - d. Work to increase the number of families involved in their children's education each year.

Bryan ISD's Family Engagement Policy will continue to be evaluated and updated annually. The 2015-2016 Bryan ISD Family Engagement Policy was reviewed and evaluated by the Bryan ISD District Educational Improvement Committee on June 11, 2015. The Bryan ISD Family Engagement Policy is the result of those evaluations and suggested changes.