

BLANCHE ELY HIGH SCHOOL
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (FACE) PLAN

2020-2021

OBJECTIVE: Bridging values (beliefs, culture, and principles), resources (people, time, money, and assets), and committed relationships (families, community, school/district and students) for the advancement of education and 100% student success.

GOAL STATEMENT: The Family Engagement Strategic Plan will educate, empower, and increase awareness to the methods and benefits of family engagement to bridge relationships between families and the District to increase communication and support for our students.

ABOUT FACE:

- I. FACE focuses on enhancing family engagement strategies to promote student achievement. Specific responsibilities include:
 - a) **Providing** parents and families with the necessary resources to assist them to effectively perform as their children's first teachers.
 - b) **Supporting** their advocacy as advisors and decision-makers in the practice and process of their child's education.
 - c) Implementing strategies and systemic initiatives that improve the collaboration between families, schools and the community.
 - d) **Creating** learning opportunities and collegial inquiry for parents, ensuring equity and access for all parents and families through multilingual programs.
 - e) Providing ongoing, differentiated and targeted professional and personal development through workshops and Parent University
 - f) Providing parents and families with reliable and transparent high quality educational services; and building effective and sustainable family, school and community partnerships.

OUR SCHOOL PLAN

The following guidelines will be implemented at Blanche Ely High (BEHS) for family and community involvement:

- ☐ BEHS will put into operation activities and procedures for the involvement of parents. Those programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents
- ☐ BEHS will have curriculum fairs parents nights, and ESOL" Road to College" Parent nights in order to increase parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement
- ☐ BEHS will incorporate activities and strategies that support this district-wide family and community engagement policy into its District Strategic Plan
- ☐ The District and BEHS Strategic Plans shall include strategies for parent participation designed to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, attendance, and discipline

- ❑ BEHS will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and migratory children, including providing information and school reports in an understandable and uniform format
- ❑ BEHS will develop a Family and Community Engagement team that will annually assess, through consultation with parents, the effectiveness of the Family and Community Engagement Program and determine what action needs to be taken, if any, to increase parental and community participation. In order to accomplish this, the team will be composed of representatives from parents of students at BEHS, community business leaders, teachers, administrators, etc.

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WHAT WE PUT ON THE TABLE?

II. MENU

Reference Guide

- a) Parent Night (Trainings)
- b) Curriculum & Magnet Fairs
- c) Open House
- d) Reference Guide to Blanche Ely High School
 - Message from the Principal (Newsletters)
 - Strong Family-School Partnerships Helping Students Succeed
 - Mission and Vision of the School BEHS
- e) Navigating the Education System: What All Families Need to Know
 - 1. Academic Calendar
 - 2. Academics
 - 3. FSA & EOC Standards
 - 4. Exams & Certifications
 - 5. Admissions, Registration and Enrollment
 - 6. Grade Enrollment Process
 - 7. Back to School Night and Parent Teacher Conferences
 - 8. Early Dismissals and Special Release
 - 9. Tutorial Programs
 - 10. Process for Inclement Weather Procedures
 - 11. School Selection Process (Reassignment)
 - 12. Students Experiencing Homelessness and other problems
 - 13. Transferring Schools
 - 14. Transportation Services
- f) Building Blocks to Academic Achievement: Supports for Students
 - 1. Multi-Tiered Systems of Support-Response to Instruction and Intervention (MTSS-RtI)
 - 2. 504 Service Plan Agreement (Government Support Plan for Accommodations)
 - 3. After School Programs, Extracurricular Activities and Sports
Alternative Education and Re-Engagement Center for High School
 - 4. English Language Learners (ELLs) Student Support
 - 5. Preparation for High School Graduation, College and Career
 - 6. Parent & Student data chats
 - 7. Naviance
 - 8. Graduation Requirements

9. College Awareness and Admissions Testing (PSAT/NMSQT, SAT and ACT)
10. Career and Technical Education Program (CTE)
11. Student Government Association
12. Dual Enrollment
13. Transcript Requests
14. School Meal Program and Food Services
15. Exceptional Student Education
16. IEP Process

g) District Operating Policies: Creating a Positive Learning Environment

1. Attendance and Truancy Policy
2. Code of Student Conduct
3. Disciplinary Process and Hearing Procedures
4. Student and Staff Statement form
5. Report Cards and Grades
6. Student Records
7. Graduation
8. Visitation Policy During School Hours

h) Community Resources

Agency	Service	Phone / Link
211 Information and Crisis Services	Referral to all types of community services	211 (24 hours) www.211-broward.org
Pompano Beach Housing Authority	Low Income Housing Units, Section 8 rental assistance	(954) 785-7200 www.hapb.org
Clear point Credit Counseling Solutions	Credit Counseling, debt management, etc.	(800) 251-2227 www.clearpoint.org
Habitat for Humanity	Housing for Very Low Income Families	(954) 396-3030 www.habitat.org
Social Security Administration	Claims and benefits	(800) 772-1213 www.ssa.gov/SSA_Home.html
United Way	Volunteer coordination	(954) 462-4850 www.unitedwayslc.org
Florida Housing Finance Corporation	Affordable housing in Florida, bond programs, SHIP administration	(954) 462-4850 www.floridahousing.org
Aging & Disability Resource Center of Broward County	Adult daycare, elder services, Meals on Wheels, transportation	(954) 745-9779 www.adrcbroward.org
Fair Housing Hotline or HOPE, Inc.	Housing discrimination	(888) 264-5619 (954) 567-0545 www.hopefhc.com
Broward County Legal Aid	Legal matters for the low income	(954) 765-8950 www.legalaid.org
Florida Government	State and federal information and links	(954) 765-8950 www.myfloridacounty.com
State Government Agencies	Directory of links to government agencies,	(954) 765-8950 www.statelocalgov.net

	commissions, boards, courts and departments sorted by topics	
Department of Children and Families	Food stamps, Medicaid, cash assistance	(866) 762-2237 www.myflorida.com/accessflorida
Safe Space	Domestic violence, outreach program, emergency shelter, counseling and referrals to other agencies	(800) 500-1119 24-hour hotline
Safelink	Free phone service for the elderly and low income	(800) 723-3046 www.safelinkwireless.com
Women in Distress	Shelter for working poor women and children	(954) 761-1133 www.womenindistress.org
Broward County Housing Authority	Low Income Housing and Rental Assistance	(954) 739-1114 www.bchafl.org
Paint It Broward	Free Recycled Paint-Home Improvement	(954) 739-1114 www.bchafl.org
Center for Independent Living of Broward	Assistance to persons with disabilities	(954) 735-0963 www.cilbroward.org
Family Success Center	One Stop Source for Social Services	(954) 357-5340 - Pompano Beach (954) 357-5001 - Fort Lauderdale www.broward.org/family
US Dept of Housing and Urban Improvement	HUD	305-520-5000 www.hud.gov
SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	Nutrition assistance to eligible low income families	(954) 761-2119, 2112 www.fns.usda.gov/snap
Business USA	Summer Jobs Initiative	(954) 761-2119, 2112 http://business.usa.gov
Homelessness Prevention	Transitional housing assistance	(954) 537-0211 (954) 563-4357 www.broward.org
Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce	Tourism and Business Services	(954) 941-2940 www.pompanobeachchamber.com
South Florida Regional Planning Council	Planning and public policy information	(954) 985-4416 www.sfrpc.com
Larkins Center Senior Citizen Program	Senior Nutrition and Activities for Seniors	(954) 786-4585
SHINE	Senior Health Insurance assistance	954-545-7795 www.adrcbroward.org
State of Florida DEP	Environmental Protection Agency	(561) 681-6600 www.dep.state.fl.us

i) Celebrating Students and Teachers Success- Create a staff focused “CATCH THEM BEING GOOD” recognitions program

1. Honor Roll
2. Underclassmen and Senior Awards
3. Teachers and Students Recognition
4. Support of Local Radio Station
5. Parent recognition for student support
6. Teacher and Student of the Month by Department
7. Recognition of Good Deeds by Student and Teacher (High-Five)
8. Sunshine Committee
9. Building Social
10. Recognition of Community Members & Partners

j) Blanche Ely High School (BEHS) Start with Hello” Week Celebration

1. September 24-28th was national “Start with Hello” Week, an initiative started by Sandy Hook Promise to prevent school violence. BEHS participated with three days of activities to promote student connectedness, a positive school environment, and to strengthen our school community.
2. We kicked off Start with Hello Week with a daily school-wide announcement. Both students and faculty to participate in a conversational piece in the cafeteria or walking to glass, etc. Students and teachers were asked to participate in icebreaker activities during lunch to facilitate conversation between the students. They enjoyed asking each other “Get to Know You Questions” and silly “Would You Rather?” questions.
3. On Wednesday, Start with Hello Week wrapped up with a No One Eats Alone challenge. Students were encouraged to have awareness of their peers who were sitting alone at lunch and to invite them to their table. Start with Hello Week was a huge success and definitely contributed to our positive school community!

Broward Schools District Support Team

Nadia Clarke

Assistant Director

Student Support Initiatives

Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE)

Lauderdale Manors Resource Center

1400 NW 14th Court

ROLE DEFINITIONS

Family and Community Relations Coordinator

- ☐ Develops, implements, monitors and measures strategies used in Family Engagement Plan
- ☐ Directs and supports the District Action Team and School Action Teams; develops and facilitates training for District Action Team and School Action Teams
- ☐ Develops policy and procedural manuals for schools and Action Teams; facilitates District Action Team meetings
- ☐ Develops Family Engagement measurement and monitoring systems; develops and delivers training for school staff
- ☐ Develops and delivers workshops for families and the community
- ☐ Conducts school visits; creates and implements “Family Friendly Schools Award” program
- ☐ Creates and implements “Family Engagement School Award” program; develops Family Engagement surveys; develops “Family Satisfaction” feedback program;
- ☐ Coordinates/facilitates Parent Action Team focus groups twice a year; and attend conferences to stay informed on Family Engagement

School Administrators

- ☐ Leads their school in the commitment to Family Engagement which includes implementation of the Family Engagement Strategic Plan

- ☐ Establishing a culture which supports and values Family Engagement; communicates the value of Family Engagement; provides professional development opportunities to staff on Family Engagement
- ☐ Provides workshops to families to learn how they can support their child's education

School Action Teams

- ☐ Creates school specific goals that align to the district Family Engagement Goals and Objectives; Implements/monitors/measures/reports goals; and trains families and solicits community members for support

School Parent Groups

- ☐ Addresses policy and procedures as they relate to student performance; mentor other families; promote and advocate community efforts, and provide training to other families