Berkshire Elementary

2015-2016 Family Involvement Policy/Plan

Summary

Berkshire Elementary recognizes the importance of forming a strong partnership with parents and community members in order to positively impact the students in our school.  To promote effective parent involvement, the staff at Berkshire Elementary welcomes input from parents and community members in decision making and encourages them to join us in the activities outlined in this plan. We work with parents as equal partners in the educational process.

**Parental Involvement and Shared Decision Making**

Parents are encouraged to attend our monthly SAC and other informational meetings and have the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns according to the following:

* Review and solicit input and monitor the School Improvement Plan
* Review and provide revisions (as needed) to the School-Parent Compact and Family Involvement Plan
* Share input regarding use of Title 1 Parent Involvement funds
* Provide academic strategies and materials for parents to utilize with students at home
* Updates and information to assist parents in supporting students’ test-taking strategies and skills.

**Annual Meeting**

Parents are invited to attend this meeting at the beginning of each school year to learn more about the requirements of Title I and our School-wide Title I Program.   At this meeting there will be opportunities to review the Title I documents and give input into the following:

* School Parent- Compact
* Title I Family Involvement Policy/Plan
* Parents’ Right to Know
* Ideas of topics for future parent involvement activities
* Title 1 Budget

**Accessibility for all families**

We will accommodate all families by providing the following:

* Meeting dates and times based on input from parents
* Interpreters, Translated documents, Translating devices (upon request)
* Childcare during select meetings
* Food during select meetings

**Parent Involvement Activities**

Based on parent survey input, we will provide the following activities to assist parents in understanding the state curriculum and assessments to help parents improve their children’s academic achievement:

* **Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT)** Nights such as Literacy Night will be implemented for parents to learn strategies to help their children at home.
* **FSA/Science FCAT Night** will inform parents of FSA, FCAT Science , Florida State Standards, curriculum and grade level expectations

**Communication**

Parents will be provided information in a language and format which is easy to understand. We will communicate with parents by:

* School Flyers, Newsletters, Agenda Planner, Emails, and ParentLink