

Bloomsburg Area School District Memorial Elementary School

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Schoolwide Title I Parent & Family Engagement Policy

The Bloomsburg Area School District Title I program is committed to the belief that all children can learn and acknowledges that parents share the school's commitment to the educational success of their children.

We define parent and family engagement as an on-going process that helps parents meet their basic obligation as their child's first educator. We encourage an open dialogue between home and school and we acknowledge parents as valuable contributors at all levels concerning the education of their children.

This policy encourages parent and family engagement and was developed by parents and staff of Memorial Elementary School. This document will be reviewed, revised, and improved annually.

- Parents, families, and staff develop the Memorial Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
- Parents/families contribute to the planning, review, and revision of this policy. Staff invites participation through personal invitation (as teachers see many families at dismissal each day), notes, newsletters, e-mail and school events (Literacy Night, Conferences).
- The policy and information about school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is written and provided in a language and format that is understandable.
- Distribution of the policy is via the district's website and hard copy as needed.
- A Schoolwide Title I planning committee meets three times a year (fall, winter, spring) to review our current plan and make revisions as necessary based on the annual spring survey for families.

- An annual meeting informs parents of Memorial's participation in a Schoolwide Title I Program. Requirements of the program and parents' rights to be involved are explained.
- Opportunities to attend meetings and participate in decisions related to the education of their children are available to parents/families.
- Meetings and conferences are held at various times to accommodate parents'/families' schedules. Parents have the opportunity to select a time for their parent/teacher conference that suits their schedules.
- Title I funds are used to pay necessary and reasonable expenses associated with parent/family engagement activities. Literacy Night, and materials for the Resource Lending Libraries in our school. Training and materials to support and improve student achievement is available to parents.
- Information and explanations of our school's curriculum, common core standards, academic assessments used to measure student strengths/needs, and academic proficiency levels is made available and presented the Annual Title I night, Literacy Night, and Parent/Teacher conferences. Adjustments are made, as needed, in order to follow our Health and Safety Plan.
- A school-parent compact is developed collaboratively between school staff and parents. The compact outlines how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student achievement and success.
- A survey developed by the Schoolwide Title I Planning Committee gathers parent/family input regarding student needs. The results of this survey are used to revise/improve our services.