*Brownsville Road Optional School*

**Parent and Family Engagement Plan**

**School Year: 2024 - 2025**

This Parent and Family Engagement Plan was jointly developed and agreed upon with parents to establish the expectations for parental involvement. We believe that education begins in the home; therefore, Brownsville Road seeks to unite family, school, and community by jointly developing a school-parent compact with parents and families. We encourage parents and families to maintain an active role in the success of our students.

**Parental Involvement**

In an effort to draw the school experience into our students’ home lives, we encourage parents and families to do the following:

* Serve on the site-based leadership team and join the PTO.
* Attend the Annual Title 1 meeting, grade level meetings, parent meetings, parent conferences, school programs and PTO meetings.
* Volunteer their talents/services/time to the instructional program.
* Include strategies for parents to attend professional development available to staff.

**Title 1 Involvement**

The administration, faculty, and staff will provide a strategic plan and implement Title 1 requirements according to the guidelines set forth by law, which includes the following:

* Make parents and families aware of Title 1 and our participation by convening an annual parent meeting.
* Provide parents and families of migratory children, limited English proficiency, and/or disabilities, access and opportunity to fully participate in school programs and the education of their children.
* Provide parents and families with information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities in a language they can understand.
* Involve parents and family in the on-going planning, review, and improvement of the school parental and family involvement policy and joint development of the school-wide program plan (SIP).

To ensure that the parents and families of Brownsville Road Optional School participate in the development and implementation of the school’s programs, we will do the following:

* Provide timely information to parents and family about school programs and activities through a flexible number of meetings-morning or evenings, school newsletter, school website, emails, flyers, and a school calendar.
* Provide opportunities for regular meetings to which all parents are invited to inform parents and family of Title1 requirements, the school’s participation in Title 1, and the right of parents to be involved in decisions relating to the education of their children.
* Provide parents and family with a descriptive explanation of curriculum in use at the school, forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
* Build parent and family capacity for involvement by educating staff with the assistance of parents to value the contributions of parents, work and communicate with parents as equal partners to implement and coordinate parent programs and build strong school home ties.
* Build parent and family capacity for involvement by providing parents with assistance in understanding topics about state academic content standards, assessments, and materials and training to improve their child’s achievement.

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