



Blue Mountain School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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South Tippah School District

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1. Each school will convene an annual meeting at the beginning of each school year inviting all parents of the school to inform parents that the school is a Title I school, Title I requirements, and their right to be involved in planning and activities of the Title I program.
2. For the parents' convenience, annual meetings will be held on each Title I campus in the district, and parents have the flexibility to attend whichever meeting is most convenient for them regardless of the school their child attends in the district.
3. All parents will be invited to join a Parent Advisory Committee that will:
 - a. Plan, review and improve the Title I program and the School Parental Involvement Policy
 - b. Review and improve the Parent / School Compact and Parent and Family Engagement Plan
 - c. Plan parent involvement activities
4. The Parent Advisory Committee at each school will meet twice (once during each semester).
5. The school will convene at least one meeting for all parents each year to provide parents with information about:
 - a. The programs in Title I
 - b. The curriculum in use in the district
 - c. The importance of Family Literacy
 - d. Academic assessments used by the district
6. Each school will submit comments and concerns that are voiced by parents at all of the above mentioned meetings to the Federal Programs Director at the District Office.
7. The Parent/Student/School Compact and the STSD Parent and Family Engagement Plan will be discussed with parents during initial Parent Orientation meetings at each school. The compact will be part of the school handbook. The compact will be revised by the Parent Advisory Committee throughout the year with all comments and concerns voiced by any parent being considered.

8. **Parental Involvement capacity will be built at each school through the implementation of annual meetings. These academic-focused meetings will serve to give parents a forum to voice their opinion. These continued meetings will help parents to grow into the education partners that the schools need to be successful. Blue Mountain School plans 3 parent/family engagement activities per year. In the fall there is a meeting for all parents of students in the 3rd grade in order to provide information about the 3rd grade ELA MAAP assessment. Parents are given the opportunity to take a sample test and are given resources to help them support their students at home. In the spring there is a meeting for parents and students in the 6th grade who will be transitioning to 7th grade in the fall. There is also a meeting for parents and students in the 8th grade who will be transitioning to 9th grade in the fall. Each of these meetings help parents and students understand expectations and opportunities they will have in junior high school and high school. In the high school transition meeting graduation requirements are presented, information about dual enrollment opportunities, and other options for college and career preparation. The importance of school attendance is also emphasized in all of our parent engagement activities**
9. Parents of students at each school who speak a language other than English will be made to feel welcome to participate by the presence of an interpreter at parent involvement activities and parent orientation meetings. As often as is practical, messages will be sent home in a language that ELL students will understand. Each school will ensure that parents with disabilities are encouraged to participate by holding meetings in facilities that are beneficial to those with disabilities and by actively seeking to know what disabilities might be hindering parent participation.
10. Virtual Option for Attendance – In the event that an in-person meeting for a Parent and Family Engagement event is not possible, a hybrid or virtual meeting will be held. Every effort will be made to have in-person events when possible.