

Robert J. Burch Elementary

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success 2022-2023

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What is Title I?

Robert J. Burch Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I supports state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in an effort to reinforce, enhance, and improve teaching and learning for all students. Our Title I program is based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This plan describes opportunities we provide to improve family engagement and support student learning. It is developed jointly with parents and staff at the annual stakeholder's meeting based on feedback from surveys, conferences, and other parent input throughout the year. Copies are available in the Parent Resource Center, on information boards, and our website: www.burchbears.org.



How is it revised?

Burch Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual stakeholder's meeting last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year.

Who is it for?

The activities and opportunities described in this plan are for all students and their families. Families with limited English or with disabilities will be provided with full opportunities to participate by providing translations or an interpreter.

Shared Decision Making

Our faculty and staff desire to work with you as a partner to ensure your child's academic and social-emotional success. We believe a strong school-home relationship is instrumental to student growth. Therefore, we strive to provide multiple opportunities for shared decision making. Thank you for participating in our surveys, Title 1 meetings, discussions, conferences, and other school-home communication opportunities. Your voice is critical to the development of our school wide improvement and family engagement plans and your input helps us plan family instructional programming, purchase resources, and support you and your child. In addition, one percent (1%) of our Title I funds are spent on parent involvement, and we value your input.

2022-2023 School Goals

1. By 2024, all students will meet their individual subgroup performance targets as established through the state accountability model.
2. By 2024, Burch Elementary School will reflect a safe and healthy educational experience among faculty, students, and families as measured by the state and school-based climate surveys.

Parent Resource Center

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:20-3:00 or by appointment. The Parent Resource Center is a one-stop-shop where learning at home is made easy! We have resources to support student academic and social-emotional growth. Here you'll find books, games, parenting information, more information on Title 1 at Burch. We are here to support you, so please let us know if you have questions or concerns.

School-Parent Compacts

Our new School Parent Compact was created together with ideas from parents, staff, and students. Ideas are collected throughout the year and discussed at our annual stakeholder's meeting. The compact explains how we work as a team with you and your child to share the responsibility of academic success. You will receive your copy soon.

Burch is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email our parent liaison if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate.



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Building Partnerships

Get Involved! Join us in supporting our students, families, and community. You can participate in PTO, School Council, or volunteer. Visit our website, www.burchbears.org, for information. We stay connected via the weekly eblast, teacher newsletters, Schoology, and flyers. To make sure parents understand our academic standards and assessments, as well as how they can monitor their child's progress and work with educators, all information related to school activities, programs and meetings is published in both English and Spanish.

We help families transition to the next school level by partnering with public and private preschools, as well as Flat Rock Middle School to provide parent and student orientation programs each Spring. We invite your feedback through surveys throughout the year.

Meet the Teacher: Come and meet your teacher! We will provide you with "Save the Date" card that lists dates for important events throughout the year.

Grade Level Parent Orientation: Take a look at our district and school goals for 2022-2023 and learn about your child's curriculum expectations for the year.

Title I Annual Meeting: Learn about the guidelines and purpose of Title I and your right, as a parent, to be involved in your child's academic success. Check out our free parent materials on state standards, parenting, and learning at home. (Invitations are sent by email, flyers and website.)

Parent-Teacher-Student Data Review Meetings: Families are expected to meet with the teacher and student to review your child's academic data, discuss academic learning goals, give input for your personal Student-Parent-Teacher Compact, and receive resources to support learning at home.

Family Curriculum Nights: Have fun learning ways to support reading, math, and STEAM at home. Our staff will lead engaging grade level specific workshops for parents and students.

Make and Take Workshops: Our Title 1 staff will provide make and take activities to support at-home math instruction following our two Family Feast.

Stakeholder Meeting: An opportunity to review /improve our school-wide plan, teacher training, family plan, and compact. This meeting will take place in the spring.

PTO and School Council: Get involved and make a difference in our school by volunteering with PTO or attending a School Council meeting. To find out more, email burchptopresident@gmail.com, or Ms. Howe at howe.lisa@fcboe.org.

Volunteer: Volunteers are ALWAYS needed to open car doors during school arrival, help with our STEAM initiative, maintain school garden areas, work in the media center, read with students, and prepare instructional materials.

Other events: Keep your eyes on www.burchbears.org for the latest news about school events.

